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EDITOR'S PREFACE

The aim of the editor has been to present in this edition of the Year Book a picture of the main currents of life and activity within our beloved church during the past year. There was a temptation to incorporate a number of articles on Pentecost, inasmuch as the Christian Church generally celebrated the nineteen hundredth anniversary of Pentecost on June 8. Upon further reflection I chose not to do so. Many churches had special celebrations on Pentecost but a great many did not. At any rate it is doubtful whether anything very definite resulted from such celebrations, aside from the usual efforts in evangelism which are always in order in the church. Again, I had considered to emphasize particularly the work of missions since we celebrated this year the fiftieth anniversary of the beginnings of our foreign mission work. But much has already been written on this subject. The "Mennonite" devoted several issues to excellent material regarding our fifty years of mission work. It did not seem necessary to attempt to accumulate additional matter on the subject, even though it is of great importance.

What I tried to present then is just a record of the ordinary things that happened during the year. Of course in a sense no Christian work is ordinary. It is all fraught with possibilities beyond anything which can be seen at short range. Who knows the total meaning of a Young People's Retreat, or a session of a church Conference, or the gathering of funds to relieve suffering brethren in Russia? The work of the church, slow and discouraging though it seems at times, is always potential with great consequence, for it deals with the things in human life that really matter. It changes the lives of individuals and inspires movements which turn the stream of human history into new channels.

The brief record here presented reflects something of the ideals and labors of one group of Christians in North America, some 30,000 in all—who call ourselves the General Conference of Mennonites.

I take pleasure in dedicating this work to the young people of the church. It is my hope that they will peruse these pages and note the things that the church is doing. An understanding of the labors and sacrifices that go into the work of the church will help them to appreciate the heritage to which they have fallen heir.

The editor acknowledges with thanks the cooperation which was manifest everywhere in accumulating the material for the Year Book. The articles and information incorporated naturally had to come from busy people holding responsible positions in the church and their willingness to add one more task is hereby acknowledged with gratitude. There were a few disappointments and some delays, but altogether the work of accumulating the material for this Year Book has been a great pleasure. Care was exercised to check all names and addresses but it is altogether likely that mistakes have crept in notwithstanding. Notice of errors will be gratefully received and carefully filed for the benefit of future editors.

Fraternaly yours,

Lester Hostetler.

Sugarcreek, Ohio.

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



Rev. P. P. Wedel, Moundridge, Kansas, was re-elected President of the General Conference for the term 1929-1932.

The editor of the Mennonite Year Book for 1931 has called for an article under the above title. In view of the fact that this Year Book is to be dedicated especially to the young people of the church, we want to address ourselves especially to them, remembering, of course, that what can be said to them applies very largely to older folks also.

We are living not only in a very interesting but also in a perilous age. So many things are bidding for the interest, time and energy of youth. Perhaps there never was time when the quest for pleasure reached the dimensions that it has today. On every hand places of amusement are springing up with a standing invitation to indulge if not to dissipate. Not that they are necessarily all evil in themselves; but they bid for the time, interest and money of the public. The cost of high living and the financial depression which is growing the country over is threatening to drain our income to such an extent that we are prone to neglect the financial obligations we have towards the church, its missions and benevolences. The rising tide

of atheism and godlessness is bidding especially for the attention and interest of youth and in many places it is making inroads that give cause for deep concern. All these and many other things that we could mention are a challenge to the church and especially to the young people of the church. For unless the church arises to the occasion the results will be disastrous.

No doubt every serious-minded person will ask, "What can I do to prevent disaster and to improve conditions?" To answer this question is not an easy task. But I fear that in our effort to answer it, we too often look to the thing that is spectacular and forget the great importance of the things that we consider little and common. To a few of these self-evident things we want to point.

What the church of Christ at large and what the Mennonite Church also needs above all things is a membership that is fully consecrated to the Lord Jesus Christ. I have no fear for the future of our church as long as we have people and especially young people who believe with heart and soul in the salvation wrought by the crucified and resurrected Christ. With the redeeming, living, loving Christ in our souls, we can become a blessing to the world; we can fight the battles of the Lord on to victory. We need Christ as Saviour to do so. This is the starting point.

But faith must show itself in life. We need Christians today as never before who live the Christ-life. We cannot fulfil our mission unless we live pure, holy, upright, wholesome lives. We need to learn that there is joy and happiness and satisfaction in the higher things in life, those things that are pure and godly.

In this connection we should not forget that it is not enough to put aside what is unholy and impure, but we must fill our lives with the good and helpful. Let every member of the church be active in service. But, someone says, there is so little I can do. Well, you can help those who are active in the service. You can assist those who have direct charge of the work. You can be a helper to your pastor. Do you realize that regular attendance at the various services of your congregation is an inspiration to your pastor? Do you know how much joy and cour-

age you bring him if you take part in singing, in the discussion during the Sunday school class, in the Christian Endeavor work, in the mission enterprise of the church? Do you pray for the pastor? Little things? No, these are paramount things. Do not neglect them because they seem so common and simple.

Another thing we should not forget is the matter of information. We need to be informed concerning the work of our Church and Conference. Our church periodicals should be diligently read. Fill up on information concerning our mission work, our benevolences, our publication interests, and our every church activity; this will help suggest ways and means by which we can become helpful in the church.

We need also to take an active interest in the work of the Conference as well as the in-

dividual congregation to which we happen to belong. I believe there is a large field for our young people of the Conference to work hand in hand with those on whose shoulders the burdens of the work has rested. May they rise up to the opportunity!

Young people, the Church of Christ needs you; your congregation needs you; our Conference needs you; the world needs you; Christ wants to use you in His great cause. Don't wail that there is nothing for you to do. Begin with the simple and seemingly insignificant things and the Lord will open the way to greater things and entrust more and more to you. The future is yours; the future of our church depends on you. We trust you will not fail. We pray God's blessings upon you. Be loyal to Jesus Christ the Lord.

IMPRESSIONS OF THE GENERAL CONFERENCE SESSION OF 1929

C. E. Krehbiel, Newton, Kansas,
Secretary of Conference

Usually what impresses one most is the unusual. And deepest impressions are most lasting. But the extraordinary is not necessarily the most important thing any more than the blatant music made by the brass band while the crowd gathers overtops the address or action that follows. Hence impressions may be misleading and need to be verified. Furthermore, since the personal equation plays so large a part in all reactions, two individuals may be impressed quite differently by the same events. So much as preface to my impressions of the session of 1929.

One of the first impressions is that of size. Here are delegates from Pennsylvania to California and Canada; missionaries from India and China; two languages; and descendants of nationals from Germany, Russia, Switzerland, Austria, France, Holland, etc.

One is also impressed by the informal democracy of the meeting, though the old designation of "Brother" is slowly giving way to academic or other titles.

The young people are taking an encouraging interest in the work of the Conference, and their seniors are inclined to utilize their constructive interest and efforts fully and grate-

fully.

Two deviations from former practices, so far as entertainment goes, no doubt impressed every one. The one was, that the sessions were held in a City Hall, instead of a church or tent. This submerged us in a city and strange surroundings. The other was that delegates and visitors were to pay for their entertainment. (Years ago they were "invited guests" of a church or group, and of course "guests" are usually taken into the home and given the best of lodging and meals without thought of pay.) This taxed the purses of visitors more and also added to the feeling of coldness which even the Kansas, August heat could hardly wholly dissipate. But there are compensations: When you pay your way, you can have your say. We got into the Dailies. Also, the Martha anxiety of serving at tables is removed; and those who have observed well know that the saturation point of hospitality is usually reached before a week's session of Conference in a Mennonite settlement is over. We may be too self-complacent and probably are, but is it not a fact that the burden of entertainment causes churches to hesitate to extend invitations to Conference? So

far no church or group has invited the next session. Cities and Convention associations seek to attract conferences for business reasons.

Being a delegate body, Conference meets for two purposes: 1) Business—to report on what has been done and what is to be done in Home and Foreign Missions, Publication, Education, and Relief; and 2) Inspiration—to keep alive and functioning spiritual contacts.

The big work from the beginning has been Missions—home and foreign. If anything, Home mission was not given the prominence it deserves. It is basic to our existence. Emphasis seems to have been shifted somewhat in the United States from itinerant ministry and church extension to City missions. Since Foreign mission is a rather new activity with us—we having just celebrated our 50th anniversary in 1930—this may in part explain the greater emphasis we place on it. The report showed that the work has prospered, but also that very grave problems confront it. The native Christians apparently seek leadership and independence. If they are spiritually ready, they should be given this responsibility, for self-governing and self-supporting churches are the aim both in the home and foreign field. The fact that funds have lagged recently may be due in part to spiritual as well as economical unrest on mission fields. It also reflects the spiritual unrest and pinching economical conditions at home. Then, too, the Relief work has now for over a decade been a major part of our work. Truth is, we have not given less, but much more in the last ten years for benevolences and missions than ever before. However, we gave proportionately more for relief. Our Publication interests have been lagging somewhat. We have started merging, but at the same time there is a lack of coordination. Multiplying Mennonite periodicals outside of conference control continually narrow down the field of our publications. The question also arises: Why not merge the Mission Quarterlies with the Mennonite and Bundesbote, instead of making them quasi-competitors to them? Apparently we do not thoroughly realize that Publication work is first order Mission work, just as is Relief work among our co-religionists. Inci-

dentally, the Mennonite Relief work is probably unique in the church history of the past century or more. While we are lame in publication work, we, as a Conference, are almost dormant educationally, though some good work has been done for the Sunday Schools. The Conference has no schools or colleges. These are in the hands of corporations that are not responsible to the Conference. However, a resolution was adopted at the last session to hear reports from representatives of four such institutions in order to become better acquainted with their work. School men are in the saddle.

Lack of space forbids further elaboration. The last session differed somewhat in that a revised constitution and proposed articles of faith were to be acted upon. This may explain, in part, the unusually frequent reference to rules of order. We have not altogether learned that parliamentary rules aim to expedite business. There were evidences also of conservative and of liberal tendencies, both as to church polity and creed.

For some years to come we will be handicapped because two languages must be used, and this will have bearing on the election of conference officers. A chairman, e. g., who did not understand English would be an impossibility; and if he did not know German he would be in a sorry plight if Canada should invite the next session.

Coming back, in conclusion, to the spiritual side of the session, it appears to be a decided disadvantage to have the Conference Sermon on the evening before the session begins. It should be given when every delegate is present, not as a preliminary performance. As for the extra-session meetings, they should be inspirational, educational, constructive, etc., and not occasions for faultfinding or marshalling forces to control conference. The informal social contacts with fellow Christians between meetings mean much.

As a whole, the session at Hutchinson, while it left many problems unsolved, was eminently worth while. While the human element was evident, one ventures to assert that the glorification of Christ, the Head of the Church, was the chief aim and purpose of all.

May God prosper our Conference!

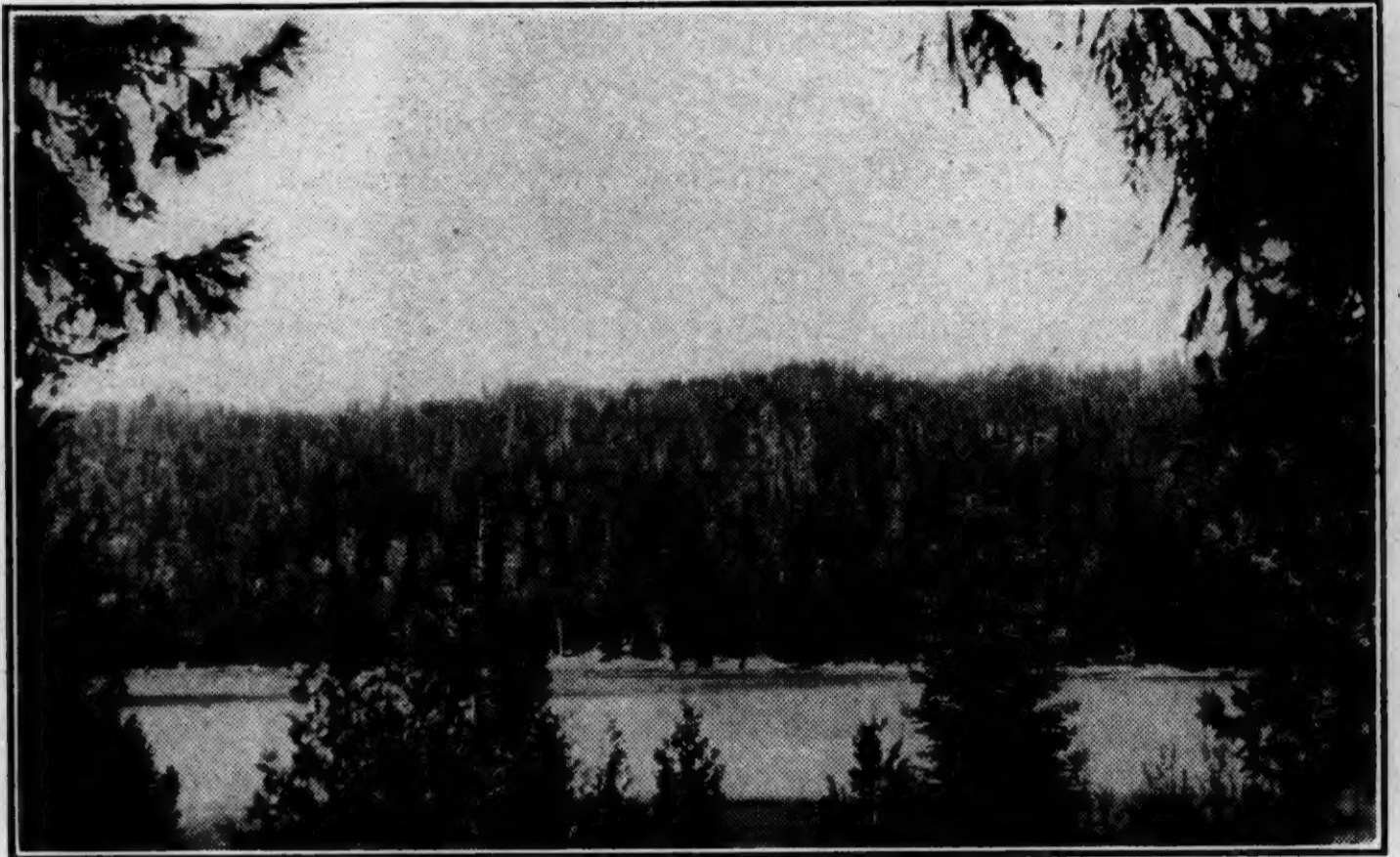
YOUNG PEOPLE'S RETREATS

Six years ago the first Mennonite Young People's Retreat was held on the campus of Bluffton College. Since that time similar Retreats have been organized in Kansas, California, Washington, and Pennsylvania. The young people of the Central Conference have for several years held large and enthusiastic weekend Retreats in one of their churches, and the young people of the old Conference of Mennonites have during the past few years held similar gatherings, called Young People's Institutes, at Goshen College.

These Retreats bring the young people together for a short period of wholesome fellowship, Bible study, prayer, the serious facing of life problems, as well as play and recreation. Under the guidance of experienced and capable leaders the young people who attended these Retreats have gone forth with more loyalty to the church and with

a resolve to live better lives and to walk more closely with their Master, Jesus Christ.

Beautiful Lake Sequoia, high up in the Sier-



Lake Sequoia

ras, surrounded by giant fir trees, is where the young people of California met July 24-29 for their 2nd annual Retreat. A good time and a successful Retreat was reported. Leaders: Rev. A. J. Neuenschwander, Mathilda Reimer, Mrs. Elsie D. Horsch, Rev. J. Hedgepeth, L. J. Horsch, Mary Eymann, C. F. Mueller.

At Bethel College some 30 young people were together for a 10-day Retreat Aug. 19 to 29, this being the 5th year of meeting. Leaders: Dr. J. H. Langenwaller, Rev. H. T. Unruh, Rev. P. P. Wedel, Rev. Gerhard Friesen, Rev. J. H. Epp, Rev. J. P. Suderman, Miss Elizabeth Penner. In addition to the regular courses taught by the above leaders there were evening addresses



Bethel Retreaters, Newton, Kansas.

which were well attended by the public. Speakers: Rev. H. A. Fast, Rev. P. R. Lange, Rev. P. K. Regier, Miss Anna Epp, Rev. Paul Erb.

The Pennsylvania young people meet at Green Lane, a quiet spot in the foothills of the Alleghenies, where nature speaks of her Creator. It is an ideal place for a Retreat; cabins,

than ever" is what those in attendance said of it. Leaders: Rev. P. E. Whitmer, Rev. S. M. Musselman, Dr. J. H. Langenwaller, Dr. Irwin W. Bauman, Rev. I. R. Detweiler, Rev. A. M. Eash, Rev. Earl Salzman, Mrs. Earl Salzman, Orlo Sprunger, and Rev. Delbert Welty. Rev. W. S. Shelly is chairman of the committee.

Young People need the church; the church needs the young people. There are many voices in the air seeking the ear of the young people and many organizations that bid for their interest and loyalty. The Retreats are furnishing a place where they may be reminded of those things of eternal value which make for stability and character. When well planned and properly conducted, they will

make their contribution to the life of the church in that they present the challenge of Christ to the leaders of tomorrow.

"Let no one look down on you because you are young, but set those who believe an example in speech, conduct, love, faith, and purity." Bible.

kitchen and auditorium being there for the use of the group. A lively and enthusiastic crowd of 60 young people gathered for the week-end, June 20-22, under the leadership of Dr. E. E. S. Johnson, Dr. J. H. Langenwaller, Rev. A. S. Rosenberger, and Rev. Lester Hostetler.

For five years the young people of the Middle West met on the campus of Bluffton College where the facilities of the school were generously made available to Retreaters by the college authorities. This year the committee decided to hold the Retreat at Lake Shipshewana, Indiana. They met for ten days, August 12 to 22. Thirty-seven regularly registered retreaters were present besides a number who remained for only a part of the ten-day period. "Better



Eastern Retreaters at Green Lane, Pa.



Lake Shipshewana Retreat—1930.

WHAT THE DISTRICT CONFERENCES ARE DOING

EASTERN DISTRICT CONFERENCE

The past year has probably seen more changes in the leadership of the churches of the Eastern District Conference than any year in the history of the conference. V. B. Boyer of Allentown left the Upper Milford—Allentown charge and resigned his ministry. Rev. H. G. Nyce was called from the East Swamp church to the Upper Milford-Allentown charge. The East Swamp church then called Rev. W. S. Gottschall from Freeman, S. D. to its leadership. Rev. A. J. Neuenschwander resigned the pastorate of the First Mennonite Church, Philadelphia, and accepted a call to the First Mennonite Church, Upland, California. The Philadelphia church then called Rev. Carl Landis, graduate of Bluffton College, who began his work in August. Rev. D. J. Unruh resigned from the Home Mission Board in his services at Mechanics Grove, and entered the services of a Union Church in Kingston, West Virginia. He served there for a period of seven months and then returned to our Conference by accepting a call to the Grace Mennonite Church at Lansdale which church was organized and received into the conference during the year. Rev. Harley King was then transferred by the Home Mission Board from Flagstaff, Arizona, to the church in

Mechanics Grove. Rev. S. M. Rosenberger, pastor of the West Swamp, Bethany Mennonite, and the Flatland churches, Quakertown resigned his charge because of illness, and has been succeeded by his son, Rev. A. S. Rosenberger, who was called from the St. John's Church near Pandora, Ohio. Rev. R. V. Stubbs was called by the church in Bowmansville and newly entered the ministry there. Rev. Sylvan Lehman was ordained in the church at Berne, Indiana, and called into the service of the Home Mission Board to work at Smith's Corner, a mountain mission in the western part of Pennsylvania.

The churches enjoyed an active year as was indicated by the parochial reports that were given at the last session of conference. Almost all of the 27 churches showed growth in numbers as well as in spirit. The Conference in its session was highly pleased to have Rev. P. P. Wedel, Moundridge, Kansas, president of the General Conference, as its guest. He delivered an inspiring series of sermons based upon the life of Joseph. One of the tasks of the conference in its session was to revise its By-Laws and Standing Resolutions, Church Polity, and Rules for the Management of the Home for the aged. All of this was



Home for Aged, Frederick, Pa. 28 Guests. Steward and Matron: Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Dergler.

accomplished in addition to its regular work pertaining to the Home, Missions, Education, etc.

The Christian Endeavor Societies of the various churches hold an annual convention as do also the Sunday Schools. At these conventions, various activities are undertaken by the young people. The cause of Foreign Missions has been adopted by the C. E. Union as a special field for which it wishes to exert its influence.

Another outgrowth of the annual conventions has been the Young People's Retreat which has been held annually during the past three years at Green Lane, Pa. At this year's Retreat 60 young people were registered. The chairman of the Retreat was Rev. H. G. Nyce. Leaders of the courses were Dr. J. H. Langenwaller, Rev. Lester Hostetler, Dr. E. E. S. Johnson, and Rev. A. S. Rosenberger.

The Home for the Aged is in a flourishing condition. The Board of Managers built an addition to the Home a year ago so that 28 guests can now be accommodated. Every room is occupied. The mortgage on the new addition has been reduced from \$15,000 to \$10,000 during the past year. The "Home News" is the name of a leaflet that the Board Managers has undertaken to issue occasionally in the interest of the Home.

The 133rd session of the Conference will be held in the First Mennonite Church, Allentown, early in May 1931.

OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES OF EASTERN DISTRICT CONFERENCE

- President, Rev. D. J. Unruh.
- Vice-President, Rev. Howard G. Nyce.
- Secretary, Rev. Freeman H. Swartz.
- Treasurer, Mr. Erwin S. Weiss.

COMMITTEES

Home Mission

- Herbert S. Stauffer, Rev. A. S. Rosenberger, Daniel M. Landis, Rev. S. M. Rosenberger, E. Y. Fretz, Rev. Howard G. Nyce.

Historical

- Rev. S. M. Grubb, Rev. Howard G. Nyce, Rev. Freeman H. Swartz, Rev. N. B. Grubb, U. S. Stauffer, Joseph B. Bechtel.

Educational

- Dr. E. E. S. Johnson, Rev. G. T. Soldner, Rev. S. M. Grubb, A. C. Alderfer, Jacob R. Fretz, Rev. Howard G. Nyce.

Program

- Joseph B. Bechtel, Rev. A. M. Fretz, Rev. A. S. Rosenberger.

REV. S. M. ROSENBERGER

Rev. Seward M. Rosenberger, one of the most influential and beloved ministers of the Eastern District Conference, the son of Henry H. and Elvina Moyer Rosenberger, of the early Mennonite families in Pennsylvania, was born in Milford Square, Bucks county, Pa., on August 9, 1872. At the age of 16 he was admitted to the membership of the West Swamp



Rev. S. M. Rosenberger

Church, by the rite of baptism, at the hands of the late Rev. A. B. Shelly. On December 29, 1896 he married Miss Emma Sell, of the same church.

He acquired his early education in the public schools of his native township, after which he graduated from the West Chester State Normal School. In connection with teaching he studied at Temple University where he received his A. B. Then he continued at the University of Pennsylvania where he was awarded the A. M. degree.

He began teaching in the rural schools at

the age of sixteen and soon became the principal of the Quakertown Schools. He came to Philadelphia in 1910 and served as principal and supervising principal in different Philadelphia schools. It was in 1925 that he retired from teaching, believing that a change of work would be beneficial as for a long time he had been under great nervous strain and fully realized that his physical strength was being undermined. He was then called to the pastorate of the Swamp charge, including West Swamp, Bethany and Flatland. He accepted the call and was meeting with success; but in 1929 his health broke down and he retired from active work; he is now succeeded in the charge by his son, Rev. Arthur S. Rosenberger, who is gaining excellent results.

Rev. Rosenberger was always a devout and sincere student and deeply religious. Wherever he happened to be he was always found active in Sunday school and C. E. work. When he came to Philadelphia with his family and united with the First Church he seemed to fit in everywhere and was active in all the various interests of the Church. In 1916 he was elected a Deacon and in 1920 he was ordained an Evangelist, and in this capacity he gave the church invaluable service and proved a wonderful help to Rev. N. B. Grubb, the pastor and supported him in every way possible, frequently preaching for the pastor as he had found himself in failing health.

As a member of the Eastern District Conference he was active in all the branches of its work which was not only appreciated but carried with it great weight. He was also active in the General Conference work especially as a

member of the Educational Committee. Wherever he was known his services were always in demand. It is deeply regretted by all that he had to be laid up for repairs. And now for a period of two years he had to be laid aside when at times his health was very seriously impaired. All are, however, thankful that his condition has been materially improved and are praying that he may recover fully and again enter the work as of yore.

A word from a co-deacon: "His activities as a member of the First Church of Philadelphia were quite varied but always cheerfully and wholeheartedly rendered. For a number of years he was a deacon and in this office he was most scrupulous in the discharge of his duties. In his visitations to the sick and needy he was most faithful. He was not only loyal as a deacon and in the deacon's office but frequently supplied most acceptably when in the pulpit, in fact for several years he had full charge of the services during his public school vacation, on account of the impaired health of the pastor."

He served as Superintendent of the Sunday School and most all the time he lived in Philadelphia he was a teacher and active in the work of C. E.

That brother Rosenberger stood high in the estimation of young and old of the First Church was manifested when, at the time of his removal from Philadelphia to Quakertown, he was presented with a solid gold Hamilton watch, not in any sense as remuneration for services rendered but as an evidence of appreciation.

N. B. Grubb.

THE MIDDLE DISTRICT CONFERENCE

By Paul E. Whitmer, President.

The Middle District Conference is one of the six district conferences of the General Conference Mennonites. Its territory includes the General Conference Churches in the states of Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Iowa and Missouri. The distribution of these churches by states is as follows: Nine of them are located in Ohio, two in Indiana, two in Illinois, four in Iowa and one in Missouri, a total of eighteen congregations. The oldest congregation is that at

Wadsworth, Ohio and the largest is the Berne, Indiana church which has a membership of considerably more than one thousand.

In origin the Middle District Conference reaches back to the year 1868 when four small congregations in southeastern Iowa and the one at Summerfield, Illinois formed an organization to do home mission work. A few years before these same congregations were among the leaders in organizing a General Con-

ference of Mennonites but to do local work and care for local needs a local organization was needed. The first session of this conference met at Franklin, Iowa, Nov. 6, 1868. The new organization was named the "Western District Conference of Mennonites of North America." In the twenty-one years of its existence under its original name the conference grew from the five small congregations in 1868 to thirty congregations, some of which had a larger membership than the combined membership at its organization. This phenomenal growth was largely due to the great immigration of Mennonites from Russia in 1874-84 who settled on the prairies of Kansas and surrounding territories. Originally these new immigrants were included in the activities of this conference.

It is but natural that the Kansas Mennonites who had so recently come to this country should in time organize a conference in Kansas rather than continue indefinitely in a district conference some of whose churches were a thousand miles away. Distance, expense and slow travel made reorganization inevitable. By 1877 the Kansas Conference was organized but its churches still maintained relations with the conference organized in Iowa in 1868. In 1888 the "Western District Conference of Mennonites of North America" disbanded and the churches in the eastern part of its territory immediately reorganized as the "Middle District Conference." The western churches, now no longer members of the "Middle District Conference," carried on their local work under the name of the Kansas Conference. By 1891 this western conference included a number of churches outside the boundaries of the state of Kansas, consequently they adopted the name, "Western District Conference" which is still the official name of the Mennonite conference in that territory.

For a period of forty-two years (since 1888) the "Middle District Conference" has maintained its present geographical limits. There has however been some readjustment in the membership of the conference. A few of the smaller congregations have disappeared or merged with larger congregations near by. New organizations have been created and added to the

conference. Within the last few years three congregations formerly belonging to the Old Mennonite conference have been added to the membership of the Middle District. These are the First Mennonite Church, Nappanee, Indiana, the Chapel Mennonite Church, Williamstown, Ohio, and the Sugar Creek Mennonite Church, Sugar Creek, Ohio. In addition to these three the Zion Mennonite Church, Bluffton, Ohio discontinued its organization and its membership united with the General Conference Mennonite churches of the community.

The combined membership of the "Middle District Conference" is approximately 5,000 communicants. The membership is divided into eighteen different congregations. Each one of these congregations has a resident minister. With but two or three exceptions each one of these congregations gives full financial support to its pastor. The worship is conducted in the English language in all the churches but two and in one of these only one German service per month is conducted. Each congregation maintains an active Sunday School and one or more women's missionary societies. There are also from one to three Christian Endeavor societies in each church, graded according to age. The churches of the district have during the past year spent over \$44,000 on current expenses and contributed \$55,000 to benevolences including missions.

The "Middle District Conference" has two standing committees, education and evangelization. The educational committee keeps in touch with the Sunday School and Endeavor work in each congregation, makes reports to the annual sessions of conference on this work in the several congregations, sets up standards to be adhered to in the various churches, in their Sunday School and Endeavor work and in every way possible promotes the religious educational work throughout our churches. The evangelization committee is in reality a home mission committee and as such seeks to promote home mission work within our conference district. Churches without pastors look to this committee for help in securing pastors. Promising fields of religious work within our conference district are studied by this committee and with the sanction of the conference

work is started and maintained. In recent years many of our young people have found employment in cities near our churches. The evangelization committee has at various times recommended the organization of Mennonite churches in such city centers where a considerable Mennonite population exists.

The "Middle District Conference" is an association of churches for fellowship and work. Legislation and administration of ecclesiastical legislation is outside the province of the conference. Fellowship and cooperative activities constitute the tasks of the conference.

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THE WESTERN DISTRICT CONFERENCE

By C. C. Wedel, Canton, Kan., President

The Western District Conference is perhaps one of the largest district conferences belonging to the General Conference. About 57 congregations located in the states of Kansas, Oklahoma, Colorado, Texas and Nebraska belong to this conference. The people of these congregations are mostly engaged in agricultural enterprises. When therefore their young folks or tenants in search of new homes often settle far away from the home congregation, there is danger that their religious life may suffer. To help these small groups or single families in their spiritual life is therefore one of the most important tasks of this conference. This is successfully done by dividing the field into districts and sending the workers to the various groups. For this purpose the conference has a Home Mission Board which does such and similar work. This board also has a church building fund from which needy congregations who want to build new churches may borrow money for this purpose.

Furthermore this board makes arrangements between congregations and ministers for revival meetings. But the young people of the congregations not only settle in new regions, but many go to the cities to make a living. Oft times they become a loss to the congre-

gation, either due to the fact that they join other denominations or become slothful in their religious life. Here again the conference is confronted with a new problem. To meet this problem the Board of Home Missions in the past year has opened a new field in Wichita where people of our faith and also others in need of religious guidance can gather and be ministered unto. The work there has had its ups and downs as especially every new field of work experiences it.

The Western District Conference also has a Board of Education. At the last session of the conference a resolution was passed to develop a S. S. Teachers' Training Course and set it to work in the different communities of the conference. Arrangements are under way to start these courses in Sept. and having them continue for 20 weeks. Diplomas recognized by the Board of Religious Education will be given to those who finish the course. A resolution was also passed that the conference have a representative at the Kansas State Council of Religious Education. As the conference has raised a fund of \$100,000.00 for Bethel College it is entitled to nominate and insist that the corporation elect half of the members to the Board of Directors the other

half being elected by the corporation exclusively. It is natural that such a combination of the conference and corporation brings before the conference a report from Bethel College every year. In general these reports are received with a good will and the discussion of same bring encouragement to the faculty and the board of directors of Bethel College.

The Western District Conference also has a committee on Deaconess and Hospital work. Yearly reports from the Bethesda Hospital Society at Goessel, Kansas, the Bethel Deaconess Hospital at Newton, Kans., and the Mennonite Deaconess Home and Hospital at Beatrice, Nebr., are received through this committee by the conference.

At the last session of the conference an interesting program was given by the young people from the various communities on the first evening of the conference. The main topic being: From the Mountaintop down to the Valley of Service.

- I. Theme: How may we align our will and energies with the purpose of God? by Hans Regier, Whitewater, Kansas.
- II Theme: A Vision of God, the source of a life purpose, by David C. Wedel, Goessel, Kansas.
- III Theme: What kind of a service will a youth with such an experience give to our congregations? by Henry Harder, Arnaud, Man.

The conference was so well pleased with the program that the program committee of the conference was asked to make arrangements for a similar program to be given next year.

The annual C. E. Conference gathers the young people of the Western District Conference for an interesting program and at the business meeting some phase of work is taken up.

During Pentecost a song festival was held at the Alexanderwohl church in which young people from 20 different churches took part. At the business meeting it was decided to make such song festival an annual event. So the mature and the young work together to build up the kingdom of God.

MIDDLE AND BIBLE SCHOOLS OF THE WESTERN DISTRICT

By P. J. Wedel, Bethel College,
Newton, Kansas

The cause of Christian education has always been very near to the heart of the people of the Western District. Since no religious instruction could be imparted in the regular public schools they soon began to supplement the work of the public schools by establishing schools of their own, both of an elementary and a more advanced type. In the establishment of these schools the religious motive was the predominant motive in the minds of the people. The study of Bible history, learning to sing the hymns of the church, committing to memory Bible verses and church hymns formed an essential part of the work in all such schools, whether of the elementary type or of the more advanced middle type. In the early years of these schools as much as four months out of the year could be devoted to this type of work. But with the steady increase of the length of the public school term the time for these schools has been cut down to only 5 to 6 weeks, and as a result the scope of the work, which formerly included considerable work of non-religious character has been limited very largely to strictly religious work.

The encroachment of the public school term on the time formerly available for these schools with the consequent limitation of this work has resulted in introducing Bible instruction in many of the public schools, especially high schools located in predominantly Mennonite communities. These are of course not the only high schools in which such instruction is given, but the interest in this phase of the work is quite active in our communities and the movement is growing. Daily Vacation Bible Schools and religious instruction in public schools have thus come to take the place, to a considerable extent at least, of the old parochial school, and constitute at the present time the most important religious work supplementary to the work done in the home and in the Sunday School.

Quite early in the history of the Western District a need was felt for schools of a higher than elementary grade, in which not only religious branches but also some of the common high school branches would be taught. Such "preparatory" schools were established in Kansas, Oklahoma and Nebraska and have served a highly useful purpose in stimulating the desire for higher education among the young people and preparing the workers for the church. In spite of keen competition from the public high school a number of these schools are still going and enjoying a fair patronage. In these schools too, Bible teaching receives special emphasis; and although most of them have found it advisable to arrange their courses

of study in accordance with the requirements of the public school system of the state, and in fact some of them have become integral parts of such system, nevertheless a certain amount of Bible is required of each student. These schools have brought secondary educational advantages into communities which otherwise would have been deprived of them and have served a useful purpose as feeders for higher educational institutions. Their maintenance has, however, been something of a strain on the communities in which they are located, and the fact that a number of them are still going is eloquent testimony not only to the appreciation of Christian education by our people, but also to their sacrificial spirit.

NORTHERN DISTRICT CONFERENCE

P. R. Schroeder, President

The Northern District covers almost five states, with about 1000 miles between the most distant congregations in northern Montana and southern Nebraska. But this is no hinderance to unity of purpose, as may be observed from the fact that every pastor is evangelical and orthodox and every conference action on questions of Christian fundamentals results in a unanimous vote for the old fashioned Gospel of the Bible. Moreover, the conference is active and progressive. One new congregation was welcomed at the last session, bringing the total to twenty-two. The statistician's report showed a membership of 3697, a net increase of 163 over 1929. The total income was \$63,984.-42, an increase of \$11,151.83 over 1929.

The evangelization work of the conference has been a means of binding the congregations together in a noble cause. New communities in outlying districts of North Dakota, Montana, and Nebraska give promise of developing into self-supporting churches in coming years.

A plan for the examination and appointment of young ministers was made a part of the constitution a year ago. A number of such prospective workers are receiving preparation in thoroughly evangelical institutions.

A helpful ministerial conference is conducted in connection with the annual session of the conference. The last session was held at Mountain Lake, Minnesota by invitation of the Bergfeld congregation May 24-27, 1930.

Mass meetings on Sunday filled the large tabernacle. Almost all congregations were represented. The report of the Educational Committee showed that most of the congregations engage in some form of summer or winter Bible school work during week days. Lustre, Montana, Mountain Lake, Minnesota, and Henderson, Nebraska, have well-established Bible Preparatory Schools. Freeman, South Dakota, has an officially accredited Junior College, Normal Course, and High School, supported by the Mennonite churches. The central location and increasing evangelical testimony of Freeman Junior College have called forth strong support from the conference. A resolution adopted at Mountain Lake says, that "We as conference churches are glad that Freeman Junior College has taken the stand that it has and we wish that it may continue to do so, in order to be a blessing to all the churches."

Several other important resolutions were as follows:

1. "The Northern District Conference regrets very much, that the General Conference has given it no clear answer in reply to the protest against secret societies and modernism in our conference, sent in in 1929."

2. "Resolved, that we as ministers with our churches consecrate ourselves anew to the task before us, in order to stand firmly on the fundamentals of the Word of God and not to

falter in the face of the difficulties around us."

The 1931 session will be held at the large Salem Zion Church four miles east of Freeman, S. Dak.

Bro. W. S. Gottshall's acceptance of the charge at East Swamp, Pa., left the Salem Church, southeast of Freeman, S. Dak., without a pastor. This position is temporarily filled by the writer.

THE CANADIAN CONFERENCE

By David Toews, President.

The Canadian Conference started 27 years ago. At that time there were only two churches, each composed of about 500 members belonging to the Conference. At present there are about thirty congregations with about 8,000 members in all.

From the beginning it was evident that our principal work would have to be home mission work, and for this purpose different workers have been appointed at different times to visit the churches and small scattered groups all over the Provinces of Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta. Bro. Benjamin Ewert has been in this work for a number of years and he is still very faithfully devoting his time to this noble calling.

As the country farther north is being opened up, small groups are taking up lands in different places in the north and the work has thus increased, and is still increasing.

When Bro. Ewert is at home at 138 Mayfair, Winnipeg, Man., he does intensive work there visiting the sick in hospitals and visiting scattered people in the city.

Bro. Isaak Wiens also works under the auspices of the Canadian Conference around Wymark, Sask. This young brother is also doing very conscientious work facing great hardships at different times.

Another phase of the Canadian work is to take care of the poor who are unable to care for themselves. By a resolution of the last Conference it was recommended to all our churches in Canada that an offering be taken for the needy, once in spring and once in fall. A great deal of relief work has been done by our conference during the last year.

Another phase of the work was immigration and colonization. With the coming of our im-

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migrant brethren from Russia, great problems are arising continually and our Canadian Conference has always received reports from the Canadian Mennonite Board of Colonization and has helped along in receiving newcomers into their homes. We believe that a great blessing has already come to our churches through the coming of our people from Russia and we also believe that there are more blessings in store for us.

THE CHURCHES IN ONTARIO

By J. H. Janzen, Bishop.

The year 1930 might be considered the first year to pass by without many decisive changes in our Churches,—the first year of uninterrupted labour in building the Churches spiritually.

Preaching services are being held weekly. Bible classes have been inaugurated. Sunday Schools are conducted at every place. Christian Endeavor Societies are growing up here and there. Interest in Conference undertakings is increasing day by day, especially since the Conference yielded to our desire and sent Missionaries from the field and other Ministers from the United States in our midst, so our people could get acquainted with them and with their work. The visits to our Churches of Bro. P. P. Wedel, President of the Conference, H. R. Voth, Missionary Emeritus, John Thiessen, Missionary from India, and David Toews, Chairman of the Canadian Mennonite Board of Colonization, have very much strengthened the "tie that binds."

The building of our Churches is very much hindered by the fact that their members are so widely scattered over the country. It is

hard for them to get to the meetings, and on the other hand it is difficult for the ministers to visit them and look after their needs. But still it is the aim of the Churches that nobody should be forgotten. The trips to the various groups and the single families cause great expense, but up to this time our treasuries never failed to supply the means for anything that was necessary to be done in order to build the Church and to look after the needs of their members and other Mennonite immigrants in the country.

Our anxious care is the sad situation in Russia in which all believers in that country are liable to persecutions, among those being our close relatives, parents, children, brethren and sisters and others. We are striving to supply them with means to obtain food at home and at the places of their banishment. We are doing our best to help to make it possible for them to leave Russia and to find refuge in some other country, but we feel that our efforts are very weak, and pray unceasingly that the Lord's strength might be made perfect in our weakness.

Our services are held in very different places. The Waterloo-Kitchener Church at Waterloo rents a nice little Church which seats about 250 people. The Port Rowan group fixed up an abandoned church building in the country and meets there. The Vineland group made an old straw shed fit their purposes. Kingsville assembles at the Town Hall. Leamington rents for the meetings, choir practices etc. a Masonic temple. Pelee Island members meet in a private dwelling. New Hamburg members too meet in the Hall of Masonic Lodge building. The Reesor Church meets in the school house and, corresponding with the demands in the log-houses of the settlers.

In spite of the hard conditions under which we have to do the work, our Lord and Master has blessed us richly. We praise the Lord, who has been to us more than a mere philosophical concept, who has been the Living one amongst us, according to his promise: "And lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world." He has solved our problems. He has clothed and fed us, He has taken care of us so that love always surrounded us. We recognized him in the sunshine from heaven, in the

blessed rains that fell upon our thirsty fields, and most of all in the loving sympathy rendered us by our fellow believers in this country, who so kindly opened their hearts toward our needs and helped us along so efficiently. We pray the Lord may reward them for what they have done for us.

The Lord has shown Himself a loving Father to our sick ones. Some of them have been dismissed from the hospitals and come back to their families. Others are improving. Some are gone to their eternal reward, and in the mourning-houses the Lord has in a particular manner shown Himself as the Conqueror of death and as the Comforter of the widows and the orphans. As far as I know there are in the Hospitals at present four persons sick with tuberculosis and two insane people.

It is our desire to serve the Lord as a field on which He can manifest Himself in His beauty and in His strength, to be His vineyard in which the Father is glorified by us, that we bear much fruit, and so may be the disciples of our Lord, Jesus Christ.

We hope also that in due time we may be no longer a burden but an asset to the Churches of the General Conference, not being dependent on their support but being able to share in the different tasks of the Conference Churches.

May the Lord grant it!

Waterloo, Ontario.

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PRESENT STATUS OF CANADIAN
 IMMIGRATION

David Toews, Rosthern, Sask.

From July 1st, 1929, to July 1st, 1930, 1,085 persons have been brought over to Canada under the auspices of the Canadian Mennonite Board of Colonization. All these were billeted in Mennonite homes for about one or two months until they were able to take care of themselves.

Conditions in Russia have grown from bad to worse and it would be the desire of almost all our people in Russia to come out, if this were possible. But they are not getting passports from the Government and they are not permitted to leave Russia. It appears that many of them are destined and intended by the Soviet Government to perish in Russia, if no way can be found to help them to come out.

The total number of immigrants now in Canada is 20,097 but we would be willing to help as many more into Canada, if it were possible to bring them out.

Conditions in Canada at present are very hard, and also the Canadian Government seems not to be as willing any more to receive immigrants as they were a few years ago.

Doubtless it is generally known that some 6,000 immigrants fled from Russia into Germany in October and November of last year. Little over one thousand of these have so far come to Canada, some are held in Germany and are being treated medically before coming

forward. They are held at our expense. It might be possible to take them to South America but since they have relatives in Canada, they would prefer to come here.

Since all our people who are coming out of Russia have been robbed of all their belongings they come here penniless. The great majority of them are trying very hard to help themselves, but there are those in the hospitals especially who need our constant attention and care. They must not become public charges because in such case they are liable to be deported. Very difficult problems are arising almost every day. But up to now it has been possible to prevent deportation.

Those who are found sick while on their way have to be treated in the different detention camps, some of them had to stay at Atlantic Park, Southhampton, for about seven years and the charges have to be taken care of.

The credit that has been extended to us for the bringing in of our people by the Canadian Pacific Ry. Co. has grown to about \$2,000,000. of which about \$890,000. have been paid. With the help of God and our brethren in Canada and the United States we expect to make good in the end and pay all the debts incurred by the bringing over of our brethren from Russia.

This is a time of great opportunity for doing good, and may our people all over the world prove themselves equal to their tasks.

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THE MOVEMENT OF RUSSIAN MENNONITES FROM GERMANY TO PARAGUAY

By Levi Mumaw, Scottdale, Pa.

According to a special action taken by the Executive Committee of the Mennonite Central Committee, a brief report of the activities of the committee during the past year is hereby submitted for use in the Year Books of the co-operating Mennonite organizations.

The Mennonite Central Committee was organized September 27, 1920, for the purpose of acting for and with the several Mennonite Relief Committees in the direction of a joint relief work to be carried on in South Russia. This work was undertaken promptly and the activities of the committee and the final report have been published in a book called, "Feeding the Hungry" which is now on sale at all Mennonite book stores.

The work of extending relief had been practically closed for several years but the committee continued to function as not all reports had been finally audited and closed. In the fall of 1929 a new emergency arose through the sudden rise of an extensive effort on the part of Russian Mennonites to migrate from Russia. Numerous reports were published in American newspapers regarding this effort. Letters from individuals in Russia reached friends in America telling of large groups of Mennonites being assembled at Moscow with the purpose

of migrating to Canada as soon as visas could be obtained from the Soviet Government.

On receipt of this information, the different relief organizations became alarmed at once fearing a general catastrophe in not being able to take care of the refugees as they are permitted to leave Russia. The Canadian Mennonite Colonization Board, having a representative in Germany, was the first organization to take definite steps for relief. Through a contact with the German Government, a credit was secured to the extent of 6,000,000 Reich Marks, if necessary, for the purpose of caring for the refugees as they reached Germany and to finance their transportation when necessary to overseas countries if it should not be possible for all to go to Canada, their desired haven.

As these negotiations were being made, increased interest was aroused in this country. The Executive Committee of the Mennonite Central Committee held a meeting under date of November 27, 1929, at which time it was decided to call a special meeting of the entire committee and others who might be interested, at Chicago, December 14, 1929. A representative group met at 2812 Lincoln Avenue on this date. The various reports concerning the great need of the refugees who had now come to



Group of Women and Children

Germany as well as those who were not permitted to migrate was brought to the attention of the meeting. After due consideration, it was decided to appoint a Study Committee to make further investigations regarding the need and the possibility of bringing relief.

Under date of January 18, 1930, the Executive Committee of the Mennonite Central Committee held a meeting in Philadelphia for the purpose of hearing a report from the Study Committee appointed at the Chicago meeting. The Committee, consisting of P. C. Hiebert, M. H. Kratz and H. S. Bender, gave a detailed report of its findings and urged that some steps be taken to organize for definite action. It was decided accordingly to call a meeting of Representative Mennonites for this purpose January 25, 1930, at Elkhart, Ind. The Study Committee was instructed to continue its work and to bring a final report to that meeting.

The meeting was held on the date selected with a full representation of those who had been invited to attend. By this time, full reports had been received from Germany as to the number of refugees that had reached that country from Moscow. It was reported that about 3,700 Mennonites were awaiting an opportunity to find a new home. Their desire was to go to Canada but the Canadian Government refused them admittance before spring. The Study Committee reported on this condition and also advised that the German Government was urging that the emigration overseas be started immediately where possible. Previous reports from B. H. Uuruh in Germany indicated that a German organization, Hanseatische Kolonisation-Gesellschaft of Hamburg, Germany, was undertaking the movement of the refugees to Brazil. In view of this, protests were made by different Mennonite groups in this country. It was feared that those who would be able to go to Canada later would be influenced to go to Brazil because of this opportunity. The prospects for colonization in Brazil were seriously questioned by those who had been informed of the conditions in the section offered for colonization as well as the well-known attitude by the Brazilian Government on compulsory military service.

The Study Committee reported that according to cables from Brother Uuruh, it would be

possible to divert this movement if action were taken at once. Through contacts with the Corporacion Paraguaya, Phil., Pa., the organization that had assisted the Canadian Mennonite movement to Paraguay several years ago, it was found possible to have these refugees go to Paraguay instead of Brazil where they would enjoy the same exemption from military service as was granted to the Canadian Mennonites. It was also reported that certain concessions would be granted to these refugees by way of credit for land, equipment, etc., provided the Mennonites of America would raise certain funds to aid in the purchase of equipment and for their maintenance until they could raise their own food products.

After due consideration to the report of the committee, action was taken by the meeting authorizing the Mennonite Central Committee to undertake the movement of 100 families to Paraguay. It was estimated that it would require \$100,000.00 to accomplish this to which the Corporacion Paraguaya would add \$20,000.00, the whole amount to be used for the purpose of purchasing equipment and providing maintenance on a loan basis. In connection with this the German Government agreed to extend credit for transportation to Paraguay from Germany.

The work was undertaken at once. H. S. Bender, Goshen, Ind., was sent to Germany to arrange for the purchase of certain equipment and for the transportation, etc. G. G. Hiebert, Reedley, Calif., was sent to Paraguay to assist the refugees in their task of settling on the land. Only those who could not qualify for the physical examinations to enter Canada and who chose of their own free will to go to Paraguay were accepted. It was soon learned that there would be about 200 families making request for Paraguay. Certain grants were secured in Paraguay for live stock on credit. A considerable saving was effected in the purchase of the equipment in Germany. As a result of these considerations, it was found possible to accept the applications for the 200 families. These were moved in three transports during the months of April, May and June. In addition to these another request was received for permission to send 60 families more, or a fourth transport. Through a special arrange-

ment it was found possible to give these permission to sail in July. On this same special arrangement another group of 30 families, which will possibly close the work for this year, were given permission to sail in September. About \$80,000 has been contributed for this work. It is estimated that at least \$50,000.00 more will be needed.

According to recent cable reports, the colonists are working hard in their effort to establish their new homes. The land must be brought under cultivation and temporary shelter must be provided for the families. The prospects for raising crops are very encouraging. The climate is semi-tropical with no winter season. Certain crops can be rotated during each season while water melons may be planted throughout the year following the rains. Cotton promises to be the most stable crop. The land is fertile and easily cultivated

after being cleared of roots, etc., in the open fields and the timber is taken from the wooded sections. But with these advantages, there are also certain difficulties which must be overcome. It will also be necessary to practice self-denial by way of using only sparingly some of the most common food such as meats and bread. These are substituted by native grown products which can be grown very easily.

Scottsdale, Pa., August 14, 1930.

MENNONITE CENTRAL COMMITTEE

- P. C. Hiebert, Chairman, Hillsboro, Kansas.
- Levi Mumaw, Sec.-Treas., Scottsdale, Pa.
- Maxwell H. Kratz, 1600 Walnut St., Philadelphia, Pa.
- Orie O. Miller, Akron, Pa.
- J. H. Mellinger, Lancaster, Pa.
- D. M. Hofer, 2812 Lincoln Ave., Chicago, Ill.
- M. L. Ramseyer, Bloomington, Ill.
- C. C. Wedel, Canton, Kansas.
- E. M. Slagle, Archbold, Ohio.

MISSIONS

OUR FOREIGN MISSION WORK

I. HISTORICAL DATA

Board organized, 1866.

First missionaries to Am. Indians, Dr. and Mrs. S. S. Haury, 1880.

First missionaries to India, P. A. Penner and J. F. Kroeker, 1900.

First missionary to China, H. J. Brown, 1911.

II. MISSIONARIES

	India	China	America
Ordained	25	18	15
Wives	9	6	7
Physicians	3	1	..
Nurses	2	2	..
Lady teachers	1	..	..
Furloughed: have			
taken position in America.....	2	..	..
Total	33	22	22

III. NATIVE WORKERS

	India	China	America
Ordained men in evangelistic work	1	..	..
Unordained men in evan. work....	37	21	11
Teachers (Men)	51	32	..
Teachers (Women)	18	13	..
Women evangelists	36	14	..
Physicians	1	1	..
Nurses	2	2	..
Other workers	15	32	..
Total native workers.....	161	115	12

IV. CHURCHES AND INSTITUTIONS

	India	China	America
Organized churches	6	6	7
Outstations	17	14	4
Size of Field (sq. mi.).....	4,325	4,500	2,000

Population	524,700	2,220,973	3,500
No. Baptisms last year.....	69	80	- 22
Communicant members	1,101	900	396
S. S. Enrollment	1,833	800	168
Day Schools	50	30	..
Pupils	881	1,235	..
Hospitals	1	1	..
Patients treated	11,480	?	..

V. FINANCIAL

Receipts during last fiscal year.....	\$124,246.26
Disbursements:	
India	\$58,777.43
China	37,587.23
America	25,879.73

VI.

Urgent Property Needs:

- An auto for Dr. Dester.
- Two dwelling houses in India.
- Hospital at Basna, India.
- Sterilizer.
- Completion of hospital at Champa (\$10,000.)

VII.

- Workers needed:
- A second doctor for China.

P. H. Richert, Sec.

FOREIGN MISSIONS

J. W. Kliewer,

President, Board of For. Missions

This past year has marked the fiftieth anniversary in the missionary endeavor of our con-

ference. It would be a matter of a great deal of satisfaction, if it could be reported that special expansion and strengthening of the work marked the year's work. But such a report cannot be given. In fact, our board has never before been compelled to think as much of retrenchment as it has this year. Word has been sent to all the fields that all expenditures must be cut to the minimum. A slight increase in the salaries that was allowed to the missionaries for last year was cancelled for this year. Building operations have been stopped except that projects begun will be finished, if at all possible. Some missionaries who are home on furlough have been asked to look for other remunerative employment, so they may be dropped from our salary list. Other missionaries whose furloughs are due have been asked to figure with a possible postponement of the expected furlough.

But in spite of these somewhat drastic measures in an attempt to put our treasury in a better condition, we find it in the red. The treasurer's report of August 1st shows there should have been at that date \$29,000 available to meet our obligations which were not available.

At the same time, however, when our finances are in such an unsatisfactory state, the reports of the open doors in the fields are most encouraging. It is yet day for us in China and India and among some of the American Indian tribes. Will we work while it is yet day, or will sleep overtake us before it is night?

It would be unkind to imply that our churches have been remiss in their duty to give to the Lord's cause. They have given without stint, but possibly they have scattered their gifts too much. We as a conference are responsible for

the evangelization of over two million people. The appeals of new fields should be interpreted in that light. Building consistently in a field that has fallen to us, even if difficulties confront the endeavor, may ultimately accomplish more for the salvation of men and women than rushing into newer fields that look more promising primarily because its difficulties have not yet been discovered.

Our fields lie in India, China, and among the Cheyenne, Arapahoe and Hopi Indians of America. In each one of these fields we are approaching the time of the indigenous church. This will force as a necessity upon our mission the training of consecrated, intelligent native leaders. This training has already begun in a practical way in each one of our fields. Native workers are being used. Gradually plans will evolve how these workers can be entrusted with more responsibility and what theoretic preparation can be given them. This transition period will undoubtedly bring many disappointments for some time, but its ultimate results will beyond all question be satisfactory.

As this more intelligent native leadership is being developed we will be reminded that some of the pseudo-Christian traditions we have carried into the non-Christian soil do not fit into the new surrounding. We are already convinced that this is true about our denominational emphasis. It is to be hoped that ere long all missionaries will be convinced that carrying the Modernist-Fundamentalist controversy into the mission field is but retarding the progress of the missionary cause.

The mission field should still be full of challenges to the person with red corpuscles in his blood or with consecrated means in his possession.

NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF OUR FOREIGN MISSIONARIES

Don't forget these representatives across the seas and among the American Indians. They are proclaiming Christ in far away places and we must uphold them with our prayers and our offerings.

C. P. INDIA

The following is the date of arrival, name and residence of our foreign missionaries:

1908, Rev. P. W. Penner and wife*, Mathilda, Janjgir, Marion, Kan.

1920, Miss Clara Kuchney, Champa.

1900, Rev. P. A. Penner and wife, Martha, Champa.

1920, Rev. F. J. Isaac and wife*, Anna E., Champa, Moundridge, Kan.

1920, Miss Loretta Lehman, Champa.

1927, Miss Augusta Schmidt, Korba.

1927, Rev. J. R. Duerksen and wife, Christina, Korba.

1929, Miss Johanna Schmidt, Korba.

1925, Dr. H. R. Bauman and wife, Dr. Ella Garber Bauman, Champa.

1927, Dr. Herbert Dester and wife, Hilda, Basna via Raigarh.

*On furlough.

1924, Mrs. Mary Y. Burkhard*, Basna via Raigarh.
 1906, Rev. P. J. Wiens and wife, Agnes, Birra via Janjgir.
 1920, Rev. S. T. Moyer and wife, Metta, Basna via Raigarh.
 1924, Rev. P. A. Wenger and wife, Adah, Basna via Raigarh.
 1919, Miss Martha Burkhalter, Birra via Janjgir.
 1920, Rev. J. Thiessen and wife, Elizabeth, Birra via Janjgir.
 1928, Rev. W. F. Unruh and wife, Pauline, Janjgir.
 1929, Miss Helen Nickel, Janjgir.
 1909 C. H. Suckau and wife*, Lulu, Korba (Pastor, First Church, Berne, Ind.)

HOPEI PROV., CHINA

1916, Dr. E. G. Kaufman and wife Hazel*, Bluffton, Ohio, (Professor Bluffton College).
 1911, Rev. H. J. Brown and wife Maria, Kai Chow.
 1923, Rev. S. F. Pennabecker and wife Sylvia, Kai Chow.

1926, Dr. C. L. Pannabecker and wife Lelia, Kai Chow.
 1921, Miss Elizabeth Goerz, Kai Chow.
 1918, Miss Aganetha Fast, Kai Chow.
 1921, Miss Frieda Sprunger, Kai Chow.
 1915, Rev. P. J. Boehr and wife Jennie, Tamingfu.
 1927, Miss Mary J. Regier, Tamingfu.
 1919 Rev. S. J. Goering and wife Pauline, Tamingfu.
 1919, Rev. W. C. Voth and wife Mathilda, Newton, Kansas.
 1929, Rev. A. A. Ewert and wife Martha, Peiping.

UNITED STATES (To American Indians)

1900, Rev. G. A. Linscheid and wife, Canton, Okla.
 1907, Rev. J. B. Ediger and wife, Clinton, Okla.
 1900, Rev. H. J. Kliever and wife, Thomas, Okla.
 1891, Rev. R. Petter and wife, Lame Deer, Mont.
 1918, Rev. A. Habegger and wife, Busby, Mont.
 1925, Rev. Valdo Petter and wife, Ashland, Mont.
 1911, Rev. J. R. Duerksen and wife, Hoteville, Ariz.
 1929, Miss Mary Schirmer, Tuba City, Ariz.

OUR HOME MISSION WORK

I. Historical Data

Board Organized—1896, after adoption of Constitution.
 First Home Missionary—Rev. J. B. Baer, Itinerant. (Reiseprediger.) 1884—1899.

II. Missionaries

No. of ordained—10, not including the Canadians which are all ordained except one.—16 in number.
 Unordained 2; Lady workers 3; total 31.

III. Mission Stations

Location	Name of Workers	Mem- bership	Acces- sions	Date of Work Begun	Value of Property	S. S. Enroll- ment	Annual Running Expenses	Funds rec. from Gen. Treas
73 & Laflin St. Chicago, Ill.	Wm. Clyde Rhea Miss Myrtle Craig	73	7	Mar 5, '14	\$40,000	275	\$3353.95	\$2160
Altoona, Pa.	L. H. Glass,							
2206 11th Ave. Drake, Sask.	Mrs. Edith Stiffler M. M. Lehman	83	16	1914	25,000	125	1183.80	900
Great Deer, Sask	C. F. Sawatzky	31	11	1927	1,000	60	1155	1030
Hutchinson, Kan.	J. J. Plenert	?	26	1914?	12,000	?	?	480
Los Angeles	Albert Claassen, Miss Lavina Burkhalter	56	26	1922	12,000	142	550	1200
Mechanics Grove Quarryville, Pa.	Wm. Harley King	147	29	1910	30,000	375	3846	1744
Smith Corner and Upper Poplar Run E. Freedom, Pa.	Sylvan Lehman	55	.....	1914	7,000	83	1997.96	1380
		15	.....	?	3,000	100	1068	950?

Girls' Home, Winnipeg
 412 Bannatyne Ave. A. J. Fast. No organization.
 To 12 Canadian Immigrant Ministers.

2000 Nearly all.
 \$400 Monthly 4800

THE HOME MISSION BOARD

By W. S. Gottschall, Secretary

The Home Mission Board has very little progress to report for the past year, because we have been hampered and handicapped by the lack of funds. The work of the Board is divided into five divisions or lines of activity; Itinerary, Church Extension, City Missions, Girls' Homes and Care of Orphans.

The only itinerant work that could be undertaken was that of the immigrant ministers among their scattered members and families in Canada. To this work our Board contributes monthly \$400, besides those who are on our regular pay roll. This is the same amount as before.

In the church extension work we have not attempted any new fields but those who have been in our care have increased in membership

and financial strength with the exception of two who are hard hit by the industrial slump. One place reported a reviving of new life and interest so that a reorganization is possible in the near future.

Progress in City Mission work is slow during these hard times when so many are out of work. While the finances are at low ebb, even here there is growth in numbers and interest. Souls can and are being saved even in stringent times.

The only change in the Girls' Home in Winnipeg is the change of Superintendent and Matron. Brother and Sister A. J. Fast have succeeded Brother and Sister G. A. Peters. The number of girls who find a home there is somewhat less in summer than in winter. At present there are about a hundred girls but this number has in the past reached 150.

The Orphan work has been delegated to Bro. H. P. Krehbiel and we have no reports of any activity along that line lately. The latest reports we have was that there are 13 children in Christian homes through the instrumentality of our agent.

The Board has made a little progress in economy by not having a Board meeting this year. Several stations have increased their support to their home work so that they are either self-supporting or nearly so and expect to be entirely so in another year.

There are some places where our Board renders assistance but the work is really not under the Board. At Lansdale, Pa., the Board pays part of the pastor's salary. The pastor of the Alsen, N. D., church receives a little extra to do mission work in the community. At Portland the Board pays the lady worker only while the Pacific Conference is responsible for the rest. At Dallas, Oregon, the pastor receives a little help from the Board. If the Board had the means and the workers there would be a dozen small groups who should be supplied with a worker and in even more cities than that a work should be started among our people. In Hutchinson the church is too small, and in a number of places they have none at all, and the Board can not make any progress in extending the work until we are supplied with more funds, then we believe we could find the workers also.

NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF OUR HOME MISSION WORKERS

PENNSYLVANIA:

Upper Poplar Run and Smith Corner—Rev. Sylvan Lehman and wife—East Freedom, Pa.

Mechanics Grove—W. Harley King, Quarryville, Pa.
Altoona—L. H. Glass, Supt. 510 21st Ave., Mrs. Edith Stiffler, 2206 11th Ave.

CHICAGO, ILL.:

Wm. Clyde Rhea, Supt. 1500 W. 72d Place, Myrtle Craig 1500 W. 72d Place.

HUTCHINSON, KANSAS:

J. J. Plenert, 723 E. 7th Street.

NORTH DAKOTA:

Edward Duerksen, Alsen, N. Dak.

LOS ANGELES, CALIF.:

Albert Classen, Supt. 621 E. 78th Street, Lavina Burkhalter, 654 E. 79th St.

PORTLAND, OREGON:

Catherine Niswander, 424 Fargo St.

CANADA:

C. F. Sawatsky, Laird, Sask.; Gerhard Buhler, Waldheim, Sask.; M. M. Lehman, Drake, Sask.; J. J. Klaassen, Dundurn, Sask.; C. C. Peters, Herbert, Sask.; Wilhelm Martens, Chinook, Alta.; C. D. Harder, Rosemary, Alta.; F. F. Enns, Lena, Man.; A. J. Fast, 412 Bannatyne Ave., Winnipeg, Man.; Herman Lepp, Reesor, Ont.; Jacob H. Janzen, 35 Church St. Waterloo, Ont.; A. A. Hamm, Provost, Alta.; J. P. Klaassen, Winnipeg, Man.; John Bueckert, Reinland, Man.; H. H. Willms, Corseland, Alta.; C. C. Penner, Reesor, Ont.; D. H. Koop, Niverville, Man.

WOMEN'S ORGANIZATION OF THE GENERAL CONFERENCE OF MENNONITES IN NORTH AMERICA

By Mrs. S. S. Haury, Upland, Calif.

It is rather difficult to state just when and where the work of the women in the General Conference began but to our knowledge there were no organized societies before the late "sixties" in the last century, except perhaps one in Pennsylvania.

But as soon as the Wadsworth Seminary was built at Wadsworth, Ohio, then the women of those churches which supported that project, grew very busy making bed linens, comforters and quilts, which were to be used as soon as that first institution of learning opened its doors to the ambitious young men, who were preparing for work in the Lord's kingdom.

When the mission work among the American Indians was begun in 1880, organized societies sprang up in practically all of the churches then belonging to the General Conference. In

Donnellson, Iowa, one had been organized somewhat earlier. Boxes of clothing and bedding were shipped to Darlington, Indian Territory, from societies as far east as Pennsylvania and from as far west as Kansas, to help clothe the Indian school children and make them comfortable in every way.

This work grew by leaps and bounds, especially after missionary activities were extended to India on another continent. But the missionary societies were not organized into one body until the General Conference convened in Reedley in 1917, when through the efforts of Mrs. P. W. Penner, who with her husband was home on furlough, an organization was voted upon, with Mrs. S. S. Haury as President, Mrs. F. J. Isaac as secretary and Mrs. R. A. Goerz as treasurer. Before that time, the sewing was distributed among the societies by one of the members of the Foreign Mission Board.

This committee divided the field into three divisions, one including the Eastern and Middle District Conferences, another the Western District Conference and a third the Pacific, the Northern and the Canadian Conferences.

At first it was a rather difficult matter to get some of the societies to respond to what perhaps seemed new-fangled notions on the part of the committee, but gradually the women of our conference have come to see that in union lies strength.

In the tri-ennium, from 1917-1920 the sum of over \$9,000 went through the hands of our treasurer. In the tri-ennium, 1926-1929, over \$26,000 passed through her hands. It is true that in the beginning of the organization not all money was sent to the treasurer and although the women have responded wonderfully, even at this time not all money collected by them is sent directly to our treasurer.

Clothing is sent to the Montana and India stations annually. During the year 1925 the amount to India alone reach over 3,500 pounds. Since that time requests from missionaries in India have been preferably for a gradual decrease in supplies but an increase in cash gifts.

In recent years, much clothing and other supplies have been sent to the Russian refugee Mennonites in Canada, support has also been given to the "Girl's Homes" in Winnipeg, Man-

itoba and Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, and now recently, definite assistance has been tendered the refugees from Harbin, China.

A Literature Committee was organized and has been functioning for some years. Under its guidance a number of small mission pamphlets have been published, as well as Sister Hillegonda's "History of our Mission Societies," in both the English and German languages. The second revised Prayer Cycle is now being published.

In order to have a point of contact between the Executive Committee, the mission societies and the missionaries, it was decided two years ago, to print a monthly leaflet, "Missionary News and Notes," to be edited by the secretary. Subsequent results have shown that the venture was a timely one.

At the Women's Business Meeting during the session of the General Conference in 1929, held at Hutchinson, Kansas, a constitution was adopted. At this session it was also decided that each District Conference should have its own Sewing Supervisor, as at present there are six supervisors.

The chairmen of the various committees, with the officers of this organization, namely, president, vice-president, secretary and treasurer, constitute the Executive Committee. In case of an emergency, the officers can act without the other members of the committee. The present personnel of the Executive Committee is as follows: President, Mrs. S. S. Haury (California), Vice-President, Mrs. J. E. Kaufman, (Idaho); Secretary, Mrs. R. A. Goerz, (Kansas); Treasurer, Mrs. J. G. Regier, (Kansas); Chairman of Sewing Supervisors, Mrs. P. R. Schroeder, (South Dakota), Chairman of Literature Committee, Mrs. J. Quiring, (Ohio).

The aim of our organization is to help in the upbuilding of the Lord's kingdom, both at home and abroad; to do all in our own small way to keep the missionary fire and zeal alive in the churches in the home-land and to strive by God's grace to lead such consecrated lives, that we may be an inspiration to all with whom we may come in contact. In view of what has been accomplished, we are filled with praise to our Heavenly Father and are moved to exclaim: "What hath God wrought."

**THE DEVELOPMENT OF MENNONITE
MISSIONARY INTEREST**

By Dr. E. G. Kaufman, Bluffton, Ohio

Fifty years ago when Mennonites first began mission-work the missionary interest among them was limited to the General Conference group which had a membership of about 3,500. Today the total Mennonite church membership in America is approximately 145,000. At present about four-fifths of this total is actively interested in mission-work. There are still small isolated groups of Mennonites in America, comprising a membership of about 30,000 or one-fifth of the total adult membership, who have as yet not been touched by the missionary interest to any appreciable degree, if at all.

The development of the missionary interest among Mennonites has been accompanied by the growth of other activities, all of which have mutually influenced each other. There are in America today eight Mennonite publishing houses, eight Mennonite higher educational institutions, twenty-five Mennonite hospitals, orphanages, and homes for the aged, and over seventy-five Mennonite city and rural missions. The Mennonites of America support and control sixteen foreign missions—four among the American Indians, four in India, four in China, three in Africa and the Near East, and one in South America. Since 1880, when the first missionaries commissioned by an American Mennonite board entered the service, more than four hundred workers have been sent into the foreign field, not counting the many who have labored in non-Mennonite fields and under non-Mennonite boards. In these foreign fields there are at present in round numbers about sixty congregations, 12,500 church members with an equal number of children in mission schools, and more than 225 missionaries at work. In recent years the Mennonites of America have contributed more than \$400,000 annually to foreign missions alone. All this in fifty years! What a challenge for the next fifty years!

**Mennonite Contributions to Foreign Missions
Compared with that of Other
Denominations (1)**

Name of Church Body	Gifts per Member		
	1913	1920	1927
Old Mennonites	\$1.66	\$2.80	\$2.92
General Conf. Mennonites.....	1.70	4.04	5.03
Mennonite Brethren of North America	3.56	9.15	8.63
Mennonite Brethren in Christ..	2.33	5.36	4.31
Central Conf. Mennonites.....	?	3.20	3.26
Krimmer Menn. Brethren	4.51	8.01	5.93
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The above groups all together	\$1.90	\$4.18	\$4.31
All Mennonites of North America together	\$1.63	\$3.06	\$2.94
Eleven largest Protestant De- nominations in America....	.68	1.66	1.24
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Total Menn. increase ¹ over other denominations95	1.40	1.70

American Mennonite Foreign Missions (2)

- 1880—General Conference Mission, Arapahoe Indians, Oklahoma.
- 1893—General Conference Mission, Hopi Indians, Arizona.
- 1894—Mennonite Brethren of N. A. Mission, Comanche Indians, Okla.
- 1899—Old Mennonite Mission, Central Provinces, India.
- 1899—Mennonite Brethren of N. A. Mission, Hyderabad, India.
- 1901—General Conference Mission, Central Provinces, India.
- 1901—Mennonite Brethren in Christ Mission, Near East.
- 1904—General Conference Mission, Cheyenne Indians, Montana. (3)
- 1905—Mennonite Brethren in Christ Mission, Nigeria, Africa.

1. It is to be noted that not all conferences include quite the same items in their figures. Furthermore some include district conference contributions while others do not. This summary is of course very much condensed, hence does not give a very accurate picture. For more complete discussion see the forthcoming book on Mennonite Missions by the author.

2. By "Foreign Missions" Mennonites understand Heiden-Mission, (Mission to Heathen) hence the American Indian Missions are under Foreign Mission boards and so are included in this list.

3. The General Conference began work among the Cheyenne in Oklahoma as early as 1892, but as this work has always been carried on more or less in connection with the Arapahoe work it is not listed here as a separate mission.

1905—Congo Inland Mission, Congo Belge, Africa. (1)

1905—China Mennonite Mission Society. (2)

1911—General Conf. Mission, Hopei, China.

1917—Old Mennonite Mission, Argentine, South America.

1919—Mennonite Brethren of N. A. Mission, Fukien, China.

1923—Krimmer Mennonite Brethren Mission, Mongolia.

1924—Mennonite Brethren in Christ Mission, Bihar, India.

OUR PUBLICATION WORK

THE WORK OF THE BOARD OF PUBLICATION

By H. J. Krehbiel, Chairman

From 1893 when I attended the session of the General Conference for the first time up to the present time, except the two times in which I was chairman of the conference, I have been a member of the Board of Publication. In no year during the thirty-seven were so many changes made in our publication work as during the past year. Our business manager, Bro. J. F. Lehman, who has conducted the business for our Book Concern and our publication very efficiently for twenty-five years, resigned on account of failing health. Rev. C. van der Smissen, the editor of our German paper, the *Bundesbote*, who has edited this paper acceptably for eighteen years, was compelled to resign on account of advanced age. Thus we lost two of our most efficient workers, and we had to find their successors.

Then the Young People's Committee of the General Conference requested us to restore to them the two pages of the Mennonite which were being occupied by the "Exponent Chats", and there was also a request that the format of our papers be changed to magazine size. Finding it impossible to accomplish all these changes by correspondence, the Board had a meeting at Newton, Kansas, during which we

1. Work was begun in British East Africa and carried on in cooperation with the African Inland Mission. In 1912 work was begun in the Congo Belge, connections with the African Inland Mission having been severed some years previous. Today this work is known as the Congo Inland Mission, and is controlled and supported by the Central Conference, the Defenceless Mennonites, and Defenceless Mennonite Brethren.

2. This is sometimes also called the Bartel Mission. The work has no official connection with any Mennonite body in America but is supported by members of the Mennonite Brethren of N. A., Krimmer Mennonite Brethren, Defenceless Mennonite Brethren, General Conference Mennonites, the Mission Church, and others.

succeeded to provide for nearly all these changes and afterward by correspondence consummated those which had not been completed. In Bro. Ferdinand Wiens we found a very worthy successor to Bro. Lehman as business manager, and he moved to Berne, Ind., and took charge of the business in July. As editor and manager of the *Bundesbote* we desired very much to secure Bro. C. E. Krehbiel, Sec. of the General Conference. He was willing to accept but only on condition that the *Bundesbote* be brought to Newton, Kansas, it being impossible for him to move to Berne, Ind. As the Herald Publishing Co., made us an offer to print the *Bundesbote* at a little lower price than we were paying at Berne, we consented to this change, and the *Bundesbote* was transferred to Newton, Kansas, Rev. C. E. Krehbiel taking charge Sept. 1st.

In July the format of our papers was changed to 16-page magazine form, and the Young People's Committee took charge of four pages in the Mennonite which seems to give general satisfaction.

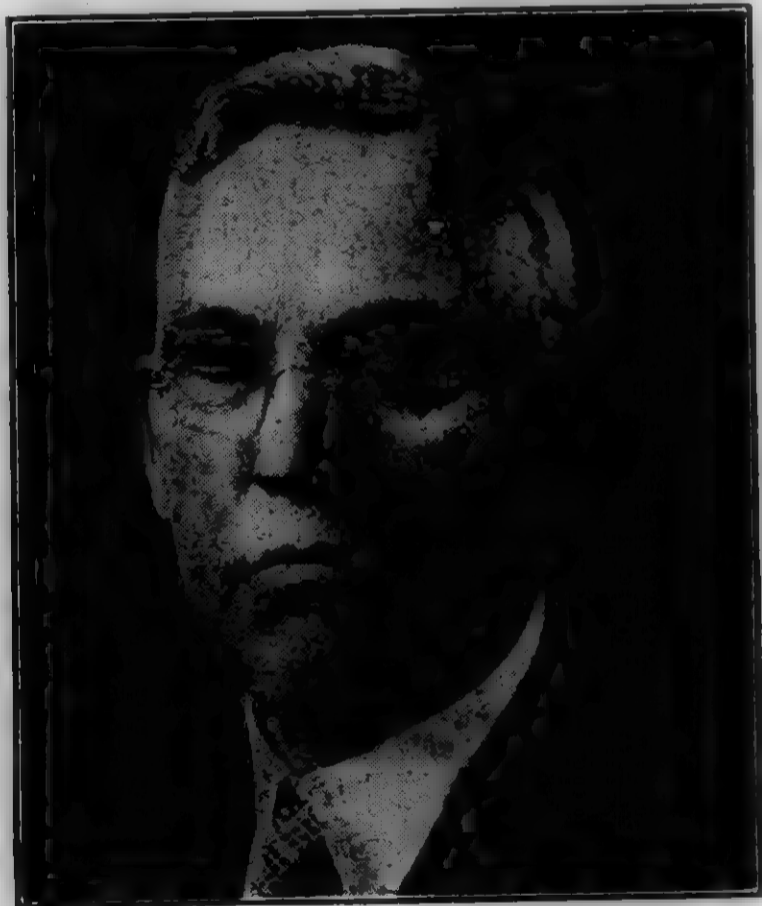
At our meeting in Newton, Bro. Jantzen, a member of our Board from Ontario, Canada, said that the Russian Mennonite Refugees in Canada did not read our papers, consequently were not in touch with the work which the Conference is doing, and suggested that our Board jointly with the Home Mission Board send a man to visit the Canadian Mennonites. This was done and Rev. H. R. Voth of Newton, Kansas, visited several provinces in Canada doing very acceptable work up there for several months.

Our ideal for the future is to continue to furnish our people with good reading matter, and induce them to order all their books of whatever kind or language from our Book Concern at Berne, Ind.; to consummate a con-

solidation of the Christian Evangel and the Mennonite, on which a committee appointed by the Central Illinois Conference and a committee of our Conference, are working; in our papers not only to report on the work being done by the Conference and reflect the opinions held by our people, but to suggest improvements which might be made, new fields of activity which we might enter, new adventures which we might take. For instance, when we have cared for the Russian Refugees by locating them in their new homes, to undertake some other benevolent work by which we can, like the Quakers, show the world that we are opposed to war and for a constructive international peace based on understanding and charity.

J. F. LEHMAN

After 36 years of faithful and efficient service as the manager of the Mennonite Book Concern, J. F. Lehman retired from the work



J. F. Lehman

on July 1, 1930. Born near Berne, Indiana, June 8, 1860, the son of Rev. Peter S. and Verena Sprunger Lehman, he spent his early days on his father's farm near what is now the village of Berne, and later moved to Hickory County, Missouri with his parents. At the age of 20 circumstances again brought him back to Berne where he has become one of the foremost citi-

zens of the community and a leader in the First Mennonite church of that place. Mr. Lehman has been in different kinds of business during his career and has established a reputation for honesty and integrity in business dealings. When he was a young man the Mennonites did not take kindly to any of their members engaging in merchandizing, holding the belief that the pursuit of agriculture was a more desirable and worthy occupation for Christian people to follow. Mr. Lehman believed, however, that it was possible to apply Christian principles in business and for over forty years has consistently adhered to that belief not only in theory but in practice. The business of the Mennonite Book Concern came under his management at a time when the work was small and unorganized and in debt. Under his capable leadership the business has grown until today the net assets of the Concern amount to nearly \$25,000.

Mr. Lehman has always been a progressive factor in the community. He helped to launch the movement for the building of the fine Mennonite church in his community, collected every penny of the money for the paying of it, helped to buy the pipe organ, served as Sunday School superintendent for 22 years and during that entire long term of office conducted a teachers' training class. His character and good judgment have won for him the confidence of those who know him, his counsel being sought continually by those who are in need of help.

Mr. Lehman never took a vacation and since his boys have left home he has not driven an automobile. His hobby is just hard work. But he enjoys his work. The rearing of a family of six children he accepted as a sacred charge and his pleasant family associations constitute one of the greatest joys of his life. Even though denied the privilege of attending higher institutions of learning himself, he has for years taken an active interest in the problem of education of the young people, especially in the Mennonite Church. The success of Bluffton College in reaching its goal for a standard college, is a matter of great satisfaction to him, not only because all of his children have at one time or another been students at Bluffton, but because of what it means to the young people of the church at large.

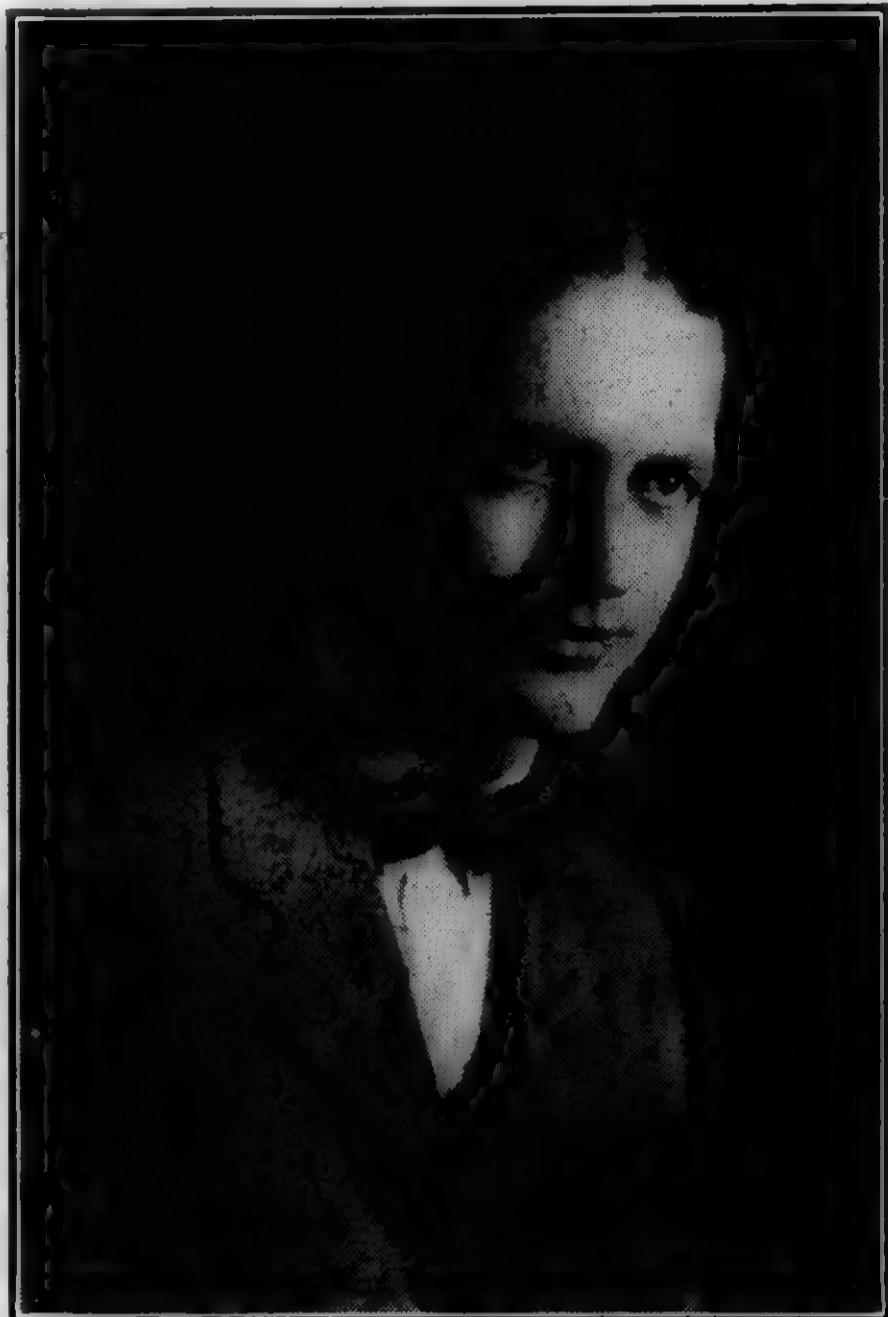
The cares and worries which arise during the day's business are laid away with his clothes when he retires at night. He remembers no grievances and harbors no grudges. He has the courage of his convictions and takes personal rebuffs with a smile. In his opinion the young people are not going to the bad. He holds rather that the young people of the present day are more thoughtful and prayerful than they were fifty years ago. He believes in rendering to God what belongs to Him, having practiced tithing all his life and frequently given more than the tithe. As the manager of the Book Concern he has given unstintingly of his time at much personal sacrifice.

As he retires from his work, he carries with him the gratitude of the Publication Board and the church at large for his many years of service. Upon discontinuing his work at the office of the Book Concern he immediately assumed the active presidency of the Bank of Berne in which capacity we hope he may continue to serve his community for many years to come.

OUR NEW BUSINESS MANAGER

The Publication Board found a worthy successor to J. F. Lehman in the management of the Mennonite Book Concern, in the person of Ferdinand J. Wiens. Mr. Wiens is the son of Rev. and Mrs. P. J. Wiens, missionaries to India, and was born at Champa, C. P. India, March 7, 1907. He graduated from Philander Smith College, a boys' school located at Naini Tal, U. P. India, where he passed the Senior Cambridge examinations of Cambridge University, with honors. In 1924 he came to America for his college work and entered Bethel College where he spent four years and graduated with honors with the class of 1928. During the years 1928-30 he served as assistant editor of the Mennonite Weekly Review. On July 15 he came to Berne, Indiana, with Mrs. Wiens, who was formerly Miss Dorothy Vesper, also a graduate of Bethel College, to take up his new and important responsibilities as manager of the Mennonite Book Concern.

Mr. Wiens is a young man of ability and Christian character and is worthy of the traditions of the institution which was so well man-



F. J. Wiens

aged by his predecessor, J. F. Lehman. We bespeak for him the confidence of the church and the highest success in his new field of service.

REV. C. H. VAN DER SMISSEN

Fifty-six years of service as a minister in the Mennonite Church! This is the record of our aged and beloved Rev. van der Smissen who retired during the year as the editor of our German publication, the Bundesbote. Thirty-seven years as pastor and teacher and then for 19 years as editor, Rev. van der Smissen's spoken and written words have had their influence in the Church. His principal pastorate was at Summerfield, Illinois, where he was the shepherd of the flock for 21 years. He had also served the churches at Upper Milford near Zionsville, Pa., and at Hereford, Pa., and for five years previous to that he ministered to a group of Mennonites in Cleveland, Ohio, who met in a school house for worship.

Rev. van der Smissen is a born teacher and wherever he went he soon endeared himself to the children in the community. One of the tasks which gave him the most satisfaction during his long service as a minister of Christ was the gathering of the children in the parish for



Rev. C. H. van der Smissen

catechetical instruction and the teaching of Sunday School classes. During his residence in Berne as the editor of the paper he took an active part in the Berne Sunday School and is at present the teacher of a large class of middle-aged people. Not all teachers have the happy faculty of enlisting the interest of pupils and getting them to take part in the discussion of the lessons. But Rev. van der Smissen has the gift of technique and tact to get these results.

He believes that the greatest problem before the Mennonite church is the deepening of the spiritual life of the individual members of the church so that they can work together in the spirit of Christ. In his mind the church has nothing to fear from modernism providing we stick to the Bible and place our trust in God. The chief obstacles to the spiritual life of the church he names as: craze for pleasure, fashions, superficiality, and formality.

Born in Schleswig-Holstein, December 4, 1851, educated in the German Gymnasium and at the University of Basel, he was well prepared to take up the work as editor of our German publications when the call came in 1911. Though nearly 79 years old when he laid down his pen, he kept in sympathy with the times and his writings always breathed out a wholesome spirit of faith and optimism.

His service in the pastorate was rendered at a time when the financial rewards were not large. With a stipend of \$600 per year he managed over a period of years to rent a house, support a large family and still save \$100 per year. As editor of the Bundesbote and other publications he began with a salary of \$700 per year with which he supported himself and his wife and nine children. It is certain that his long years of labor were done at much personal sacrifice. His work has brought him little of earthly gain, though he enjoys the greatest of all rewards for a life of service, viz., a good name, a good conscience, and the sense of having duty well performed.

In 1881 he was married to Mary E. Knight, who shared life's fortunes with him until her death in 1892. In 1893 he was married the second time to Elizabeth E. Ruth who has proven herself a faithful and helpful partner during the many trying years of his ministry. At this writing Mrs. van der Smissen is in ill health and requires the constant care and watchfulness of her husband.

The Bundesbote has been transferred from Berne, Indiana, to Newton, Kansas, and Rev. C. E. Krehbiel has succeeded Rev. van der Smissen as editor. The latter continues, however, to edit the German Sunday School quarterlies.

For his many years of faithful service the church is greatly indebted. We wish for him much joy and peace in God in the eventide of his life.

GENERAL CONFERENCE PUBLICATIONS

	Editor	Circulation
The Mennonite (1885)	S. M. Grubb	1750
Christlicher Bundesbote (1881)	C. E. Krehbiel ..	2950
Mennonite Year Book 1895)	Lester Hostetler....	1500
Der Kinderbote (1885)	C. H. van der Smissen..	2650
Sonntagschul-Lektion (1880)	do.	14400
Bundesbote Kalendar		1500

OUR SCHOOLS

BLUFFTON COLLEGE

By Dr. C. Henry Smith

Central Mennonite College began its existence in 1900 as the special educational institution of the Middle District Conference. Although called a college, its rank was that of a Junior college with most of its students of Academy grade. The school never grew large, though it served both the community and the Conference well. It experienced the usual trials and tribulations of a pioneer effort in Mennonite education, and several times came near going out of existence for want of support. It was found that one little conference was too small to maintain a standard college.

Fortunately, just at this time it occurred to several far-sighted leaders of Mennonite education in several branches of the church, some of which were too small to have schools of their own, that what could not be done single-handed might be accomplished through co-operative effort.

In 1914 the present Bluffton College was founded under a Board of Trustees selected from five branches of the Mennonite Church—two of them officially and three unofficially.

The growth of the college has been steady from the first. It started with one main brick building and two small frame buildings used for a dining room and girls' dormitory, the bequest from the former Central Mennonite College. Today it has a fine campus, a large athletic field, and eleven substantial buildings including Old College Hall, Science Hall, Administrative Building, Musselman Library, Lincoln Hall (Boys' dormitory), Ropp Hall (Girls' dormitory), and gymnasium, besides the heating plant, two frame buildings used by the Seminary, and a newly purchased dwelling house to be converted into a girls' dormitory. The laboratories are all well equipped to meet the demands of the advanced courses in the Sciences; and the library has an endowment that will insure a constant increase in the number of required books. The College at first included a Theological Seminary, but in 1921 Witmarsum Theological Seminary was found-

ed as a distinct institution though on the same campus.

The past year especially has been the best in the history of the school. Not only was the magnificent new library, the generous gift of Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Musselman, added, but the endowment was also raised to the half million mark required by the Ohio state department of education to qualify as a training school to prepare teachers for the public schools. Bluffton is now also a member of the Ohio Association of Colleges, and has applied for admission into the North Central Association.

The faculty during the past year has numbered 29, offering 222 different courses from which the students might make their selections. The student body numbered 371.

Bluffton College believes in an all round education of mind, body and soul, under wholesome Christian influence. Student organizations include Young Men and Young Women Christian Associations, Literary Society, Oratorical Association, Student paper, and Annual. Choral Society, Glee Club and Orchestra, an Athletic Association, sponsoring all sorts of clean and wholesome athletic sports. The aim of the College is not merely to be a dispenser of knowledge, but to help each student to find himself and develop such qualities of mind and heart as will make him the most useful member of society in his church and community after he takes his place in the active duties of life. The College believes above all in Christian education. From the catalog we quote the following aims:

"The College endeavors through intimate association with scholarly, Christian teachers, to lead the student in conscious daily fellowship with the risen Christ. Accordingly the College seeks to provide the religious atmosphere, the curriculum and the college activities, which will inspire the student with a sincere love for the truth, and to cultivate within him a passion for the truth, in the firm conviction that the "Truth Shall Make Free".

"The simple life and the fundamental importance of peace and good will as applied to groups and nations, as well as to individuals is emphasized. The student is therefore urged



Science Hall, Bluffton College

to order his life in accordance with the principles of love and self-sacrificing devotion to human welfare, which characterizes the life and teaching of Jesus. In its denominational aspects, Bluffton College seeks to train a leadership for the Mennonite Church, not only devoted to her historic principles, but also adequately prepared to help the Church fulfill her mission to our generation. In harmony with these ideals the Board of Trustees adopted the following by-laws: No person shall be elected to the faculty who is lacking in scholarly attainments, or is not a firm believing in the deity of Christ and in the inspiration of the Scriptures."

The administrative officers of the College are S. K. Mosiman, President; N. E. Byers, Dean (E. G. Kaufman, acting Dean for 1930-31); B. D. Smucker, Financial Secretary; H. A. Alderfer, Treasurer.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF BLUFFTON COLLEGE 1931-32

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THE MUSSELMAN LIBRARY

By S. K. Mosiman, Pres. Bluffton College.

With the completion of the Musselman Library during the spring of 1930 Bluffton College became the recipient of a magnificent gift from Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Musselman of Biglerville, Pennsylvania. These friends gave to Bluffton College \$100,000—\$50,000 to be used for the erection of a library building and \$50,000 for library endowment to be used in the purchase of books, periodicals and equipment.

Contracts were awarded and construction

ing as its guests, Mr. and Mrs. Musselman who were present for the dedicatory services on June ninth. At the service Mr. Musselman formally presented the keys of the Musselman Library to President Mosiman who made the acceptance speech. Dr. J. Philip Schneider, Professor of English, Wittenberg College, gave the main address of the afternoon speaking on "The College and Its Library."

Facing northeast the new library is situated in the midst of a grove of native forest trees near the center of the Campus, affording an ideal location for the quiet atmosphere of a building of its type. It is of two story con-



Musselman Library Taken from Side but Showing Front

work started upon completion of the architect's plans and specifications in the fall of 1929. The cornerstone was laid on November 3, 1929, with appropriate services. Occupancy of the building took place on May 1, 1930.

In connection with the commencement events of 1930 Bluffton College was honored in hav-

struction in Georgian colonial style and harmonizes in appearance with five other brick buildings on the Campus. Entrance portals, keystones and trimmings are all laid in Georgian marble. Brick used in the construction of the building is a red mello-tone in color with a sand mold finish. The woodwork of the large

Roman type windows and the cornice have been trimmed in white, harmonizing perfectly with the whiteness of the marble settings.

The exterior is beautiful and pleasing to the eye, but once you step inside you are struck with an exquisite beauty that commands silence and reverence. The entire finish and all furnishings blend into an harmonious unity. Yet one can hardly help but be conscious of a utility and a permanency that seems but the superstructure to an artistic expression. The building enfolds a personality that is not present in any other building on the Campus.

Built in the form of a "T", expansion to the structure can easily be provided with the construction of wings on either side or at the rear. The roof is low-pitched and covered with dark gray slate.

Space for two offices, a Mennonite history room, two seminar rooms and two cloak rooms is provided in the first story in addition to the lobby. The lobby, stair-well and stair-way are all finished in wainscoating of quarter sawed oak. Niches for busts have been built into the walls of the lobby.

On the second floor the combined reference and reading room occupies the entire front part of the building. This room thirty by sixty-eight feet provides unusually attractive oak windsor chairs and heavy oak tables for ninety readers, and is lined with shelves holding the books of the reference department. The room is well-lighted with five large windows facing the northeast and the beautiful Palladian windows at either end. Artificially the room also is well-lighted having ten large bronze fixtures, with parchment shades, suspended from the ceiling.

The delivery desk is set at the entrance leading into the stack room from the main section of the second floor. Work space and catalog files are to the left of the charging desk.

All floors on the second floor are covered with heavy battleship linoleum which reduces noise made by walking to the lowest possible minimum. Downstairs the floor of the lobby is of terrazzo construction, and the floors of the seminar, Mennonite history and offices rooms are also covered with the linoleum.

The capacity of the art metal stacks placed

in the rear of the building is set at 20,000 volumes with additional space for new stacks shelving 10,000 volumes planned for future expansion. Receiving, museum and work rooms have been placed in the basement below the stacks, and the vault for valuable books and records is also located here.

The Musselman Library is a fitting and beautiful shrine for that which is the heart and life of learning. Deep and sincere tribute is due Mr. and Mrs. Musselman, the friends who have made possible this shrine. Out of such work as theirs a college is built and it is such acts as theirs that create anew the life of a college. It is from such deeds that we draw renewal of courage, of spirit, kindling afresh the flame of ambition and of high desire.

BETHEL COLLEGE

By J. W. Kliewer, President

Bethel College is the oldest of the Mennonite colleges of the United States. It came into being as a direct response to the challenge that came from the educational needs as they were felt in the Mennonite Church. It has therefore grown and developed as these needs have grown and developed. It began as an academy housed in a small building out in the country. It then moved to a small town and expanded its course somewhat. Today it is located in a town of 11,000 inhabitants, its plant and endowment total nearing the million dollar mark. For fourteen years it has been listed among the four-year accredited colleges of the state.

Bible courses receive much emphasis in Bethel College, but the school is not a Bible School. It wants to exert its Christian influence upon a larger number than the limited few who would come to a school where only the Bible is taught. A large number of the ministers and missionaries of the Mennonite Church have been students at Bethel College, but Bethel is not only a seminary. More of the graduates of Bethel College go into teaching than into any other profession, but Bethel is not only a normal school. Bethel College is conducted under the auspices of the Mennonite Church, but it is not sectarian in the sense that a Mennonite student has chances

and privileges that a non-Mennonite does not have.

Bethel College is a Mennonite College of Liberal Arts with the aim of developing those traits of character and those habits of study and life and giving its student body such information that they are fitted to become useful members of the society in which they live. It is taken for granted that for this kind of life the Christian religion is the best basis. The students are urged to a high type of scholarship in their studies, to a spirit of Christian democracy in their social contacts and to a most scrupulous honesty and fairness in their interscholastic contests. The fact is stressed in the school that education should increase the points of contact with human beings rather than to segregate man from man and to make cliques. It is further stressed that to lose in a contest is less deplorable than to lose the reputation for honesty and fairness.

The graduates of Bethel College are found in the following walks of life: .468 educational work, .140 religious work, .113 home makers, .096 business, .048 doing graduate work, .028 in medicine, .028 on the farm, .016 chemists, .004 in government service, .004 in newspaper work, .004 in the legal profession, .012 deceased, .020 unoccupied, .019 unreported.

Board of Directors of Bethel College

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Term Expires in 1931

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Term Expires in 1932

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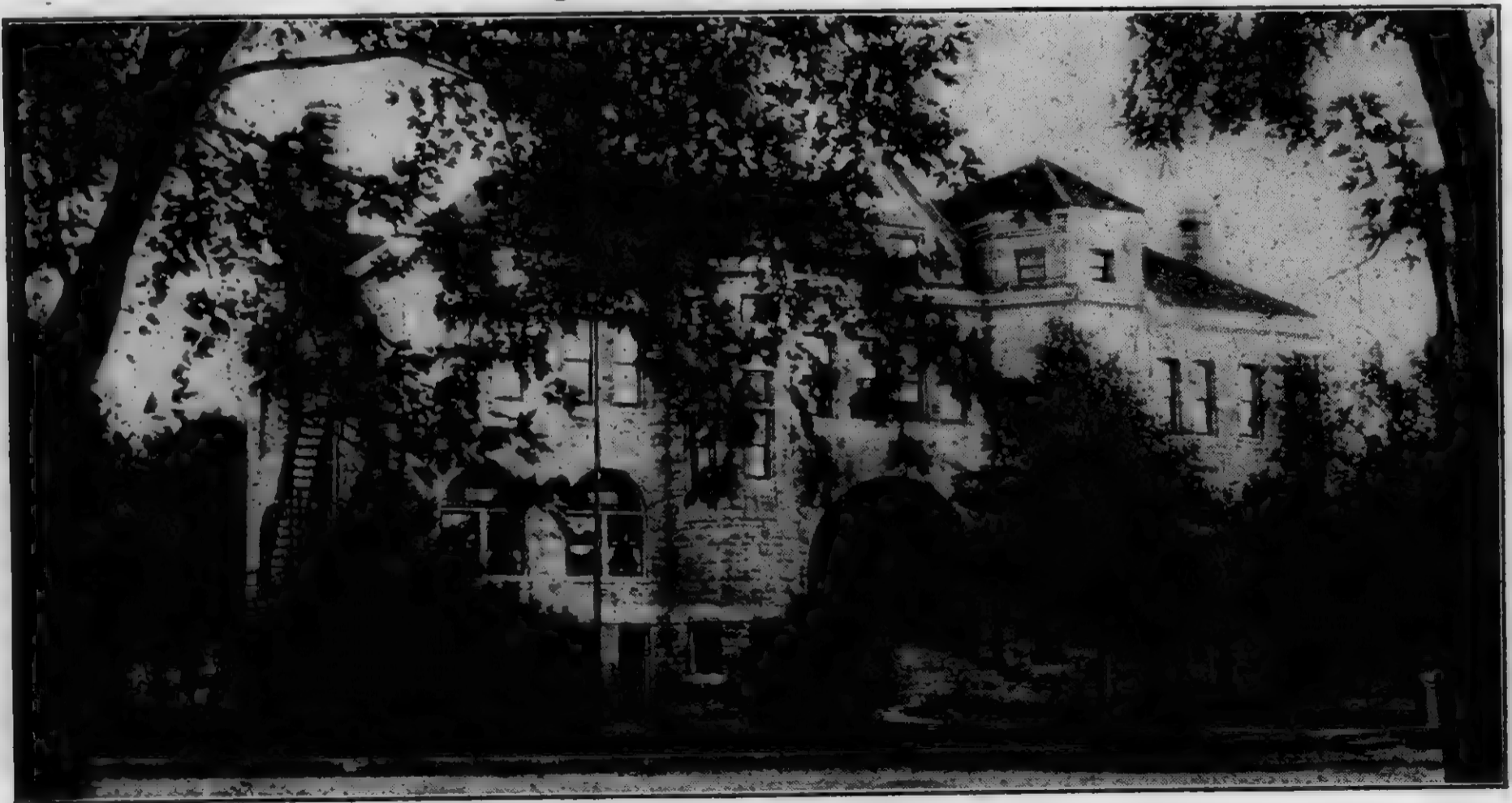
Alternate for Rev. M. J. Galle

Rev. H. T. Unruh.....	Halstead, Kansas
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FREEMAN COLLEGE 1929-1930

P. R. Schroeder

The enrollment of Freeman College the last ten years, beginning with 1920-21 and ending with 1929-1930, has been as follows: 176, 138, 124, 135, 91, 130, 123, 98, 138, 139.



Administration Building, Bethel College

In 1929-30 there were ten faculty members, three with Masters' Degrees, six with Bachelors' degrees, and one with the equivalent of a two-year normal course. Junior college, high school, one year normal, music, commercial, agricultural, and Bible departments were conducted. The Winter Bible Institute has become a popular part of the school work.

There were 4 graduates from the junior college, 18 from the intermediate normal, and 16 from the high school.

Christmas and Easter cantatas were sung. The glee clubs, voice and piano students, gave concerts and recitals. Debate and declamatory work was carried on inside and outside of the school. The two reorganized literary socie-

Group of Buildings, Freeman College

Old Recitation Hall



Gymnasium-Auditorium



Dormitory and Dining Hall



Memorial Hall



Ladies' Cottage

ties worked in a spirit of friendly rivalry. Athletic activities brought out the superior qualities of a fine group of winners of honors and awards. A large number of Gospel Team meetings were held within a range of 170 miles.

On February 13, 1930 the junior college was accredited by the State University. This recognition assures every student full protection in case credits are to be transferred to another institution. The high school and intermediate normal department leading to a first grade certificate, have been accredited for quite a number of years. With the accreditation of the junior college comes the possibility of offering a two year normal course, leading to the state certificate. Its approval was granted by the State Department of Public Instruction at Pierre on August 2, 1930.

The congregations of the various branches of the Mennonite Church in this and other states have begun to show a more definite interest in Freeman during the past year. Questionnaires sent out in February, 1930, to get the expression of the churches on a number of vital questions, brought the following results:

1. Shall we emphasize the study of German less?

Yes: 1 church, 133 votes, 10½%. No: 27 churches, 1125 votes.

2. Shall our students be permitted to play athletic games with other schools?

Yes: 2 churches, 224 votes, 17.6%. No: 26 churches, 1,009 votes.

3. Shall our students be permitted to attend moving picture shows?

Yes: no churches, 100 votes, 8%. No: 28 churches, 1,136 votes.

4. Shall our students be permitted to give plays?

Yes: 2 churches, 281 votes, 22.1%. No: 26 churches, 931 votes.

The issues of modernism and worldliness have been very frankly faced by the faculty and by the board of trustees, and the outlook for a loyal Biblical testimony and educational program at Freeman College, is very promising. And this is all the more definitely assured by the fact that an administrative committee consisting of three faculty members, has been created for 1930-31. The members of this committee are, D. E. Harder, President,

Benj. P. Waltner, P. R. Schroeder. The entire committee is committed to the Biblical Fundamentals and to the Standards of Freeman College. With students from only two states in 1928-29 and from four in 1929-30 there is definite evidence that this institution has a widening sphere of service. The demand for normal graduates from Freeman is greater than the supply. Financial support is coming from an increasing number of godly people. In this day of intellectual and religious fermentation let believers pray that Freeman may be enabled to minister to the educational and spiritual needs of many.

Freeman, South Dakota. July 31, 1930.

WITMARSUM THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

By J. E. Hartzler, President

The name of our institution was taken from the town of Witmarsum in Holland, the birthplace of Menno Simons. A monument to Simons stands today just outside of the village not far from the place where the Mennonite Church stood in those early days.

It is perhaps difficult to say just when and where Witmarsum Theological Seminary began. Such an institution had been discussed and urged by individuals and groups of individuals for more than twenty years. Dean N. E. Byers, President S. K. Mosiman of Bluffton College, President Kliever of Bethel College, and Dean Whitmer and others in Witmarsum Seminary today frequently discussed the matter and exchanged many letters in which reference was made to the establishment of such an institution.

It was during the years 1913 to 1921 that there came increasing demands for a standard Theological Seminary, independent from the College, and one in which all branches of Mennonites could unite in their support. The breakdown of much of the religious tradition during the World War intensified this demand. In the autumn of 1919 a call was sent out by Rev. N. O. Blosser, Rev. Lester Hostetler, Dean P. E. Whitmer and the writer asking for a conference with those interested in the matter. The conference met in Lima, Ohio on December 27th, 1919. Two more conferences were

held in Elkhart, Indiana in January and April, 1920. In 1921, January 18th., a petition was sent to the Board of Trustees of Bluffton College calling for the organization of a Theological School independent from the College, and incorporated under a separate Board of Trustees. This petition being granted, proper committees were appointed and the organization was effected in July, 1921 as a union movement among the Mennonites.

The founders stated that it was the aim and purpose of the institution to provide religious education and training in the departments of Graduate Seminary, Theological College and Bible School. This aim implies the teaching of the faith and principles of the Gospel of Jesus Christ; to lead men and women to a deep, personal fellowship with God and a personal experience with Jesus Himself and the Holy Spirit; to teach men and women to know not only God, but to know themselves and their fellows. It was their purpose to train men and women for active service in the ministry, mission fields, religious education or whatever profession they may desire to enter. To date about fifty graduates have gone out into these various fields, chiefly into the ministry.

In matters of faith and practice it should be noted that Section 2 of Article I in the by-laws of the Constitution requires that no one shall be elected to a teaching position in the institution "Who is not a person of approved Christian character, who is not a firm believer in the deity of Christ, in his vicarious atonement, or the inspiration of the Scriptures." To these items of faith the institution has continually subscribed.

From the first, 1921, it has been our policy not to create any considerable debt; it was our purpose to pay as we go or not go. The Eastern, Middle and Central Conferences have each year contributed to the support of the institution through their budgets, though for the last two years they have not reached their full amount. The Seminary has of necessity been modest in its requests for finances, perhaps too modest, due primarily to the fact that our Colleges have always been in such great need. Nevertheless the various Conferences, from the Atlantic to the Pacific are to be commended for their liberal support through this particular avenue, a thing en-

tirely new in American Mennonitism.

The influence of the institution is felt beyond the limits of denominational boundaries, more than 50% of our students during the past two years coming from other denominations. We have with us this year students from the Methodist Episcopal, Methodist Protestant, African Methodist, United Brethren, Presbyterian, Christian, Evangelical and Church of God denominations. While this wide representation speaks well for the institution it raises at the same time the question of how successfully the institution is meeting the needs within the denomination giving it birth.

In spite of all our difficulties and hard experiences in such institutions as this it is a great satisfaction to observe our students, without exception, going out from us with increased appreciation of things sacred, with increased devotion to the Kingdom of God, and with convictions concerning things religious and spiritual. There has been no wrecking of faith among us but a confirmation concerning things divine. Our graduates are men and women who have learned that God and truth are not found at the end of an argument but through an experience with God and the truth. It is our sincere hope that the near future may reveal the wisdom and the possibility of enlarging our program in the execution of our aim and purpose.

MRS. LANDIS WINS CITIZENSHIP

Martha Graber Landis was granted citizenship papers by Judge Rodgers at Lima, Ohio, in September after being refused twice before in February and in July by former Judge Fred C. Becker on the ground that Mrs. Landis expressed her unwillingness to shed blood in defense of the country. The case attracted nationwide attention. Mrs. Landis was born in Alsace-Lorraine, came with her widowed mother to Iowa at the age of ten, completed nursing course at Bethel Hospital and Deaconess Home, Newton, Kan., in 1920 and graduated from Witmarsum Seminary in 1928. In 1928 she assumed the superintendency of Bluffton Hospital remaining in that position until her marriage to Rev. Carl Landis of Philadelphia in July, 1930.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

THE WORK OF THE PLACEMENT COMMITTEE

H. J. Krehbiel, Chairman

The whole ministry of the General Conference is in a period of transition. A generation ago each congregation elected one or more ministers out of its membership, and these were expected to serve without remuneration, earning their livelihood at some other vocation. Generally they were engaged in farming. About forty years ago this system began to fail. The two principal reasons for its failure were, that the younger members of our congregations were graduating from higher educational institutions, such as high schools, academies and colleges, and consequently demanded an educated ministry. The second reason was that the members of the congregation who were elected to the ministry refused to serve. So gradually the churches of the conference changed to an educated ministry to whom they paid a salary. With this change another change was inevitable. Under the old system the ministers elected remained on their farms in the community and served the congregation for life, but this was not the case when a congregation called an educated minister to become their pastor. Frequently the call was for one year with the understanding that the time could be extended if the relation were mutually satisfactory. But the psychology of the old regime so prevailed that the pastor hardly ever changed to another church until there was quite a dissension and strong opposition in his own church. This was detrimental to both the pastor and the church. Some of the leaders of our Conference, seeing this evil, advocated the creation of some mediating agency through the help of which such changes might be made with less friction, and less harm to the congregation and to the pastor.

At the last session of the General Conference held at Hutchinson, Kansas, such a committee, called the "Placement Committee" was created. The request for such a committee

came from the Middle District Conference in the following resolution: "Resolved that we recommend to the General Conference, that a committee or a board be created whose duty it shall be to aid churches which are without ministers to secure ministers and to whom ministers who are without charges, or who desire a change, may appeal." The resolution of the General Conference establishing this committee reads as follows: "That the Conference create a Placement Committee of five temporarily for the next three years to assist ministers seeking charges and churches seeking pastors to get together, the Conference secretary to be a member and four others to be elected by the conference."

Both our congregations and our ministers are very independent and individualistic, and consequently desire to attend to their affairs not only without the interference but also without the assistance of any conference committee. But, notwithstanding this, our committee has had a few applications from churches and a number of applications from ministers, two of which are not at present pastors of churches belonging to the Conference. Our secretary has prepared a questionnaire which he sends to applying ministers and another which he sends to applying churches. The replies to these questionnaires when returned are placed on file, and thus we hope to be helpful in bringing churches and ministers who might be congenial together, by putting them into touch with each other. Since all the information given is confidential we hope that both the ministers and the churches will feel free to use the help of the Placement Committee when they desire a change, and thus our committee be enabled to render a larger service in the work of the Conference.

COMMITTEE ON DOCTRINE AND CONDUCT

J. E. Amstutz, Chairman

Inasmuch as this committee is not a regular standing board or committee of our Conference

and is not definitely provided for by the Constitution it is rather difficult to make a satisfactory statement of its aims and purposes. It might be said that this makes it all the more necessary for such a statement to be made. This is true, however, any statement which your writer can make will necessarily be only his own interpretation especially since he has been on the committee but a very short time and could not submit this statement to the rest of the committee.

As I understand it this committee is an outgrowth or continuation of the former Lodge Committee. The name was changed a few years ago, I believe, because there were a number who felt that the scope should be widened and who thought that it was not wise to center attention on just one thing in our church life. The committee since the change of name has continued to gather and publish information on the lodge question. It has, however, also already somewhat widened its scope either on its own initiative or by direction of the Conference. This must be done in a still larger measure.

The field, as I see it, is a very wide one, and may easily overlap with that of other boards and committees such as the Boards of Publication and of Education. Yet it may be well to have such a committee so as to impress upon ourselves the importance of the two things, doctrine and conduct, and the vital relationship between the two. We are often inclined to overemphasize the one to the detriment of the other. If we as a church are to fulfil our mission in the world and in our various communities, we need to know and make known our doctrines but this must certainly be backed up and expressed by our conduct.

Our Secretary has been quite active in gathering information and material along various lines which it is hoped will be of use throughout the Conference. We need and solicit the prayers and the support of our people that our committee may have the wisdom from above and the necessary means which will enable it to render a real service to and through our people.

THE COMITY COMMITTEE

By Lester Hostetler, Sec'y

The Comity Committee was appointed by General Conference to provide a point of contact with other branches of Mennonites who might be interested in any co-operative efforts in the work of the church. The General Conference has from the beginning of its organization believed in Mennonite unity, admittedly a difficult but not an impossible goal to achieve. The appointment of a Comity Committee is but another step in that direction.

The work of the Committee has so far been confined to several meetings with specially appointed representatives of the Central Conference of Mennonites. The question of closer co-operation and ultimate union of the Conferences was frankly and freely discussed and it appeared to the members of these committees at least that there were no insuperable obstacles in the way to hinder the uniting of these two Conference bodies. On the other hand, there seemed to be many advantages to be gained on both sides.

A resolution was passed favoring the merging of the "Mennonite" and the "Christian Evangel", the official publication of the General and Central Conferences, respectively. At the annual meeting of the Central Conference, this resolution received favorable action by their delegate body and the matter now rests with our Publication Board for final disposition.

The question of missions was also discussed and as a result a resolution was passed by our Committee, representatives of the Foreign Mission Boards of the Central and General Conference have met and considered the advisability of closer co-operation between the two Boards.

There are many difficulties in the way of church union. But when our denominational divisions are viewed unselfishly and in spirit of Christ, many of these difficulties vanish. The closer we draw to Christ the closer we will be drawn to each other.

EMERGENCY RELIEF BOARD

By John C. Mueller, Sec'y

The first and, at the time, most serious problem which presented itself to the Board already during the General Conference session and immediately thereafter, was the situation of the Russian Mennonite refugees that concentrated at Harbin, China. 214 individuals had come to that place. Through the courtesy of the U. S. Consul at Harbin, admission into the United States was granted to these refugees by special order of our Government and monthly groups of from 12 to 15 persons were soon ready to sail. For these, of course, the fare had to be provided. At that time our treasury was almost depleted. An appeal was made through our church papers, the result of which was very gratifying. Larger and smaller sums came in as donations and loans, and the fare could be provided as the groups were ready to sail from month to month. The fare for an adult amounted to \$120.00 from Harbin, China, to San Francisco, Calif., or Seattle, Wash. The Mennonite Settlers Aid Society of Newton, Kan., offered this Board to care for a number of groups in the Newport community near Spokane, Wash., while other Mennonite bodies working through the Mennonite Colonization Board made it possible for a number of groups to be landed at San Francisco. There they were met by our Mennonite people from Reedley, Calif., taken to their community and provided for them so that by the end of the fiscal year June 30 more than half of the Harbin refugees were safe and sound in the United States.

During the late winter and early spring others have ventured to flee across the Amur river and thus about 90 more have eventually come to Harbin, China, awaiting their opportunity to come to the United States. We hope that all of them will be granted the privilege to come to our beloved country.

Early in the fall reports began to come to us that great masses of Russian Mennonite refugees and other Protestants and Catholics were gathering around Moscow until their number reached from 12,000 to 13,000 prevailing upon the Government for permission to

leave the country. Through special efforts by the German Government permission was given to most of them. Many of those that had permission to leave Russia were taken by force by the communistic officers and returned to their homes. Those that were fortunate to get out of Russia were permitted to come to Germany and about 6,000 to 7,000 came to Germany, where the German Government and the German people provided and cared for these most pitiful and destitute people in a way which does not seem to have its equal in the history of mankind.

It was evident, however, that Germany, under their economic conditions, could not keep these people for any great length of time. What about these great numbers (around 5,000 Mennonites). Canada did not open its doors quite so wide any more as in previous years. The U. S. was out of question. Brazil only admitted a small group. Paraguay opened its doors wide, but to locate people there would take large sums of money. The Canadian immigration is handled by the Canadian Mennon-Board of Colonization. Quite a large number have been permitted to enter the different provinces of Canada this last year.

The German Government and German interests are taking care of the Brazilian Immigration.

The Mennonite Central Committee has full charge of the Paraguay proposition. Mr. M. H. Kratz and C. C. Wedel are our representatives on this Committee. The former one of the most active members in this matter.

The above mentioned emergencies have caused our Board much concern, but other, probably lesser, emergencies have presented themselves almost continuously.

Last fall efforts were made again to gather clothing. The people have responded with liberal offerings of very valuable clothing. Most of it was sent into the different communities in Canada especially where through crop failures last year people were facing a dark future. Some clothing was sent to Washington for the Harbin refugees.

Many private requests for help to the Board have come. We regret very much that we cannot take care of all these individual requests.

The situation in Russia seems to be getting more deplorable as times go by whereas we had hoped it would improve. Unspeakable sufferings must be endured by those, who by force, are banished into different parts of Siberia. May God have mercy upon all of these suffering people and may they all put their faith in Him and His mercy. May we realize our privileges and our opportunities, also our duties to our fellow beings.

We, as Board, need your daily prayers to be guided aright and do the Lord's will.

THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Dr. J. H. Langenwalter, Sec'y

As in former years, the Board of Education have divided the work among the members. This places responsibility upon the individual members and saves time and expense.

No reports have been received by the Secretary for some time, hence the facts which are mentioned in this brief paper must of necessity be general in nature.

Rev. Rosenberger still has a number of copies of the Junior Catechism which should be in the hands of those interested in order that they might report their impressions to him in time to draft the final form to be presented to the next General Conference. More than a year has slipped by since the sessions of the last Conference and the less than two years which remain will be gone before some who might make a contribution will realize it.

The Board has assisted the Young People's Committee by aiding in the getting of the addresses of workers, by giving encouragement through conferences and by advancing money in order to carry on their work.

The work of the young people has further been assisted by sending a representative to various Retreats. The Retreats in Pennsylvania, Indiana (formerly held at Bluffton, O.) and at Bethel College were visited by the Secretary of the Board in 1930. This work affords excellent opportunities for understanding and being understood. Each group has its own problems and opportunities.

The young people of the Eastern District Conference cannot devote more than a week-

end to their Retreat because of the fact that so many of them work in the city and cannot leave so readily without losing their employment. They do well in the brief time which is at their disposal. The attendance was better this year than last.

The Retreats at Shipshewana Lake and at Bethel College were each ten days in duration. The programs were adapted to the local conditions, though similar so far as the general outline is concerned.

The committees of all three groups worked hard and did their best to secure the strongest possible leadership. They have also proven themselves anxious to learn from each other.

No complete reports have been received from the Retreats held in California and Washington, but these have also proven valuable, judging from the fact that they are to be continued.

The interest in teachers training has continued and there were a number who received certificates as a result of the work during the past winter. This work may seem slow and insignificant to those who have not learned to appreciate the effect which it is sure to have on the future effectiveness of the Sunday School work of the denomination, but it deserves the encouragement of all who are interested in the future growth and working capacity of the Church.

The matter of what can be done by the Board to assist young people of the denomination who desire to get an education, and who ought to have the opportunity of doing so, is being given careful consideration. This is a field that is of increasing importance to the Church because the load often is too heavy for the individual or his family to carry alone, and yet the Church needs the services which can only be expected if the person in question is given the opportunity to get the needed training.

Menonite literature, Secondary Schools, Peace and better standards of education are all being given consideration in the light of the needs of the Menonite Church. For the present much of this work is not ready for publication but we hope to be able to make occasional reports as the work progresses sufficiently.

THE ALL-MENNONITE CONVENTION

By P. E. Whitmer, Secretary

The earliest date in the development of the All-Mennonite Convention is May 5, 1910. On that date appeared an editorial in *The Mennonite* by the editor, I. A. Sommer, under the title: "In What Fundamentals Do Mennonites Agree." This editorial was a plea for sympathy and understanding among the Mennonites in America and the willingness to see the best in and the agreements among all branches of Mennonites. The writer gave definiteness to his editorial by suggesting that a general conference of all Mennonites be called to discuss the subject: "In What Fundamentals Do Mennonites Agree." The editorial closed with these words: "In case any of the ministers or editors can endorse this or a similar plan, an early response will be appreciated. Or do we feel no 'denominational responsibility'?"

This editorial attracted wide attention among all Mennonites and was discussed in several Mennonite papers. Aaron Augspurger, Saybrook, Ill., was the first to endorse the suggestion in a signed statement in the *Mennonite*. Daniel Brenneman, editor of the *Gospel Banner*, in an article in his paper, strongly endorsed the proposal of his brother editor of the *Mennonite*. Daniel Brenneman went even further than the original suggestion by advocating a united Mennonite church along the general lines proposed in the Sommer editorial. Others endorsed the plan verbally in conversations and also in personal letters to the editor of the *Mennonite*. The approving voices were so numerous and enthusiastic that it appeared that a new movement was on the horizon—namely, co-operation among the several branches of the Mennonite Church in America.

There was opposition from one quarter only. Within a month of the appearance of the Sommer editorial John Horsch published an article in the *Gospel Herald* giving seven reasons why the branch for which he was speaking could not co-operate in a general conference with other branches of Mennonites. Some of these seven reasons consist of serious charges against some of the sister branches of the Mennonite church. Some of these charges

were surprisingly specific and impeached the loyalty of other Mennonite bodies to Christ and a full Gospel religion. This article called forth vigorous replies and specific denials of the charges made against other branches of the church. The editor of the *Gospel Herald*, Daniel Kauffman, participated in a mild way in this discussion provoked by the Horsch article. He found some things to commend on both sides of the controversy but in the main commended the Horsch article.

Apparently the controversy aroused by the John Horsch article effectively stopped the almost unanimous movement for a general conference of all Mennonite bodies in America. The matter was revived by an article in the *Mennonite*, August 18, 1910, by N. E. Byers. This article again pointed out the good to come from a conference of all Mennonite bodies and proposed a plan of procedure whereby an All-Mennonite Conference could be started. The chief feature of this proposal consisted of the request that the editor of the *Mennonite* nominate a committee, consisting of one representative from each branch, to prepare a program and to select a time and place of meeting.

In a few weeks, the editor of *The Mennonite*, appointed the proposed committee, which held its first meeting more than two years later at Winona Lake, Indiana. The members of the committee who were present at this Winona Lake Meeting were Daniel Brenneman, C. R. Egle, Val. Strubhar, J. E. Hartzler, P. H. Richert and J. H. Pankratz. The committee made substantial progress in planning a general conference of all Mennonites in America. These plans were later completed by correspondence. In April, 1913, the secretary, P. H. Richert, in the name of the committee issued a call for the meeting of the "First General Conference of All Mennonites in America" at Berne, Indiana, August 19-20, 1913. The call was widely published and again aroused a general discussion about the purpose and policy of a conference of all Mennonites. P. H. Richert and C. H. A. van der Smissen were among the staunch

supporters of the movement in this second period of discussion in the columns of the Mennonite papers. This discussion cleared the atmosphere and prepared the way for a good meeting when the time arrived for the opening of the first session of the new conference.

The First All-Mennonite Convention at Berne, Indiana, August 19-20, 1913, organized by electing J. S. Hartzler, chairman; P. H. Richert, assistant chairman; H. P. Krehbiel and A. B. Rutt, secretaries. One hundred and seventy-six visitors registered, representing nine branches of the Mennonite Church. The following men appeared on the program: Daniel Brenneman, C. H. A. van der Smissen, C. H. Smith, J. W. Kliewer, Daniel Kauffman, P. C. Hiebert, Emanuel Troyer, C. R. Egle and Christian Neff, a visitor from Weierhof, Germany. The minutes of this first convention summarize the results as follows: "The Lord hath done great things for us, whereof we are glad." "He hath done all things well". Such were the thoughts that filled the hearts as with much cordial handshaking farewell was said.

One of the resolutions adopted at this First All-Mennonite Convention provided that the next session of this convention be held in three years and that the present officers serve in their respective capacities until the opening of the next convention. The Second All-Mennonite Convention met in due time at Carlock, Ill., August 30-31, 1916. Five hundred and nineteen persons registered at this second convention representing five different branches of the Mennonite Church. Again the secretaries record that "So, with hearts rejoicing at the realization of an enlarged Christian fellowship, the convention could engage in a period of prayer and thanksgiving to the Great Master and Author of our salvation in Jesus Christ. After this season of prayer all joined with deep affection in singing the beautiful hymn, 'Blest Be the Tie that Binds Our Hearts in Christian Love' whereupon J. H. King, minister of the local church, led in closing prayer. Thus closed the Second All-Mennonite Convention."

Since then the following All-Mennonite Conventions have been held: the third, Bluffton,

Ohio, Sept. 2-3, 1919; the fourth, Goshen, Ind., Sept. 6-7, 1922; the fifth, Nappanee, Indiana, Sept. 2-3, 1925; the sixth, Hillsboro, Kansas, August 28-30, 1927; the seventh, Berne, Ind., Aug. 27-28, 1930.

The aim of the All-Mennonite Convention is fellowship and mutual helpfulness and understanding. It is not an official organization with authority to speak and act for the whole or even any organized part of the Mennonite church. Even though the Convention has no authority and its findings or pronouncements are purely the opinions and convictions of the men and women who make them, they do have moral influence and weight in so far as they are wise, well considered and judicious declarations.

OFFICERS OF THE ALL-MENNONITE CONFERENCE TO BE HELD IN 1932

- Chairman, Rev. C. C. Wedel, Canton, Kan.
 Vice-Chairman, Rev. P. C. Hiebert, Hillsboro, Kan.
 Secretary, Rev. P. E. Whitmer, Bluffton, O.
 Asst. Sec'y, Rev. C. E. Krehbiel, Newton, Kan.
 Treas., J. P. Habegger, Berne, Ind.

MENNONITES IN U. S. LISTED IN LAST (1926) U. S. CENSUS

Mennonite Church (Old)	33,372
Hutterian Brethren	383
Conservative Amish Mennonites	691
Old Order Amish Mennonites	5,980
Church of God in Christ (Menn.)	1,832
Old Order Menn. Ch. (Wisler)	2,227
Reformed Menn. Ch.	1,117
Gen'l Conf. Mennonites of N. A.	21,495
Defenseless Mennonites	974
Menn. Brethren in Christ	5,392
Menn. Brethren Church of N. A.	6,227
Krimmer Brueder-Gemeinde	757
Menn. Kleine Gemeinde	214
Central Conference of Menn.	2,857
Ch. of Defenseless Menn. of N. A.	817
Stauffer Menn. Church	243
Unaffiliated Mennonite Cong.	345

THE FUTURE OF THE GENERAL CONFERENCE*

By H. J. Krehbiel—Reedley, Cal.,
Ex-President of Conference

We can only prognosticate the future by looking at the past. I am not a prophet nor the son of a prophet, but looking at the past history of the General Conference I feel perfectly safe in predicting certain things for the future of our Conference.

On Pentecost 68 years ago in Lee County, Iowa, two small churches held a union meeting. The following year they invited another church to participate in the meeting, and that was the beginning of the General Conference of the Mennonite Church of North America.

At the second meeting Home Mission was discussed, that is, they said that scattered settlements of Mennonites, many of them without a pastor, ought to be visited by an ordained minister, and thus the "Reisepredigt" work was taken up. They also spoke of doing Foreign Mission work among the heathen, but it was eighteen years later before this work was begun.

At that time about ten churches gave less than \$1,000.00 for Home Missions and a few \$1,000 for Foreign Missions. At Hutchinson this year we occupied the City Auditorium, seating 3,500, and on several occasions between 5,000 and 6,000 were present. One hundred and thirty-seven churches were represented. The Foreign Mission Board reported contributions of over \$400,000.00 for the past triennium and more than sixty missionaries with two hundred native helpers on the fields. The Home Mission Board had contributions of \$140,000.00 for the same period, with twenty-five workers and some helpers. The Relief Commission distributed hundreds of thousands of dollars, and the Canadian Mennonites with the help of the Canadian Government brought 19,000 Mennonites out of Russia to Canada at a cost of \$1,600,000, about one half of which has been paid.

At the beginning we had no schools. Now we have three colleges and a seminary. Bluffton College, Bethel College, Freeman Junior College, and Witmarsum Seminary. Bluffton College is accredited, having raised \$21,000.00

more than the required endowment. Bethel College will be accredited by the time you read this, for the Chamber of Commerce of Newton has set aside two weeks for a campaign to raise the required \$75,000.00. We hope they will raise \$100,000.00. Freeman is accredited as a Junior college.

Then we had no hospital or deaconess home, nor a home for the aged. Now we have Bethel Deaconess Home and Hospital at Newton, Kansas, with an Old People's Home under the same management, of which an inmate said, "If heaven is like this, I'll be satisfied." There is a hospital and Old People's Home at Goessel, Kansas, a hospital and deaconess home at Beatrice, Nebraska, a hospital and deaconess home at Mountain Lake, Minn., and an Old People's Home in Pennsylvania. There may be others. Then we had no publication. Now we publish three papers, thousands of books and pamphlets each year.

In the last session of the Conference we came into a crisis because of two difficulties that were confronting us. The one was the lodge question. The drafting and accepting of the new constitution made the facing of this question inevitable. It seems that there were radicals and irreconcilables on each side of this question, and that being the case there was danger of a rupture, but this was avoided by placing mutual responsibility on the conference and the churches. Let us hope that in this way we can find a happy solution of this perplexing problem.

The second difficulty was the persistent effort of a few members to force the conference into the conflict between the fundamentalists and modernists. They had prepared an accusation of modernism against certain persons, but the conference, very wisely, instead of taking it up for discussion referred it to the Committee on Doctrine and Conduct for a report to the next session of the conference. I have con-

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fidence to believe that the report of the committee will end this matter.

Notwithstanding these two difficulties the future looks hopeful to me with the promise of greater things, and I have four reasons for this hope that is in me.

First, the language problem, which was as annoying and perplexing a few years ago as the lodge question is today has been solved. No one stood up at the last session and pointing the finger of scorn at the brother who was speaking English, shouted "Sprich Deutsch". And even a Canadian brother who has been in America less than four years made a short speech in English.

Second, with three colleges and a seminary we have an educational program that will give us a wonderful leadership in the next generation. In our own schools, in our hospitals, in our home and foreign mission work, we are making increased room for these leaders. The pity is that we haven't places for all of them, but God will bless them wherever they work, and they will remain Mennonites at heart.

Third, two thousand of the Mennonites from Russia, now in Canada, have joined the conference. Including the children that means ten thousand souls, as one of the brethren from Canada told us. These people are poor, having lost all in Russia, and need our help, but they are not paupers in intelligence and education, and being industrious and economic they will be a wonderful help and inspiration to us in a few years.

Fourth, there is an increasing desire for a closer fellowship and union among the different factions of the Mennonite Church in America. To unite the different divisions of the Mennonites into one co-operative organization was the primary purpose of the founding of the General Conference. At the last session a comity committee was elected with instructions to confer with any Mennonite Conference or organization which is inclined to co-operate with the General Conference.

Because of the four reasons given above, I think I am justified in predicting that the General Conference will have a greater field of usefulness and a more rapid growth in the fu-

ture than it has had in the past. In fifty years from now an auditorium like the one in Hutchinson will not be large enough to accommodate the Conference. The sessions will have to be held in San Francisco, Kansas City, Chicago, or some other place where they have auditoriums seating 15,000 people. The Foreign Mission Board will report of mission work in every continent of the earth and of contributions amounting to millions of dollars. Best of all the united Mennonites standing firmly and faithfully by the Christian principles for which the founders of our denomination died, will have made a large contribution to a warless world which to the joy of all Christians will at that time have been realized.

SOME FACTS REGARDING CHURCHES IN THE U. S.

(Based on "The U. S. Looks at Its Churches", by Luther Fry)

1. What proportion of Americans belong to church? In 1926 the "adult" church membership, or in other words, the members 13 years of age and over, was roughly 44,380,000. 55 out of each 100 adults living in the united States are enrolled as church members.

2. How many denominations in the U. S.? 212. More than half of these have fewer than 7,000 adult members.

3. What religious denominations have more than a million members?

Roman Catholic	13,300,000
Methodist Episcopal	3,700,000
Southern Baptist	3,300,000
Jews	2,930,000
Negro Baptists	2,914,482
Methodist E. South	2,190,414
Presbyterian in U. S. A.	1,802,395
Protestant Episcopal	1,366,262
Disciples of Christ	1,275,617
Northern Baptist	1,230,509

4. How many churches in the U. S.? 232,000.

5. How many pupils enrolled in Sunday Schools? 21,000,000.

Compare above data with those for public schools: 256,000 public school buildings; 24,700,000 pupils in elementary and secondary schools.

GLEANINGS

1929

Aug. 4.—Celebration of the 100th birthday anniversary of brother Michael R. Hofer at his home northwest of Freeman, S. D. Speakers: Rev. P. P. Tschetter, Prof. A. R. Eschliman, and Rev. D. M. Hofer. Attendance: between 3000 and 4000 who had come in cars numbering over 1000.

Aug. 9—Farewell service at First Church, Philadelphia, for Rev. A. J. Neuenschwander and family who accepted a call to the First Mennonite Church at Upland, Calif.

Aug. 11—Rev. Howard G. Nyce installed as pastor of the Zionsville and Allentown (Pa.) churches. Services in charge of Rev. G. T. Soldner assisted by Rev. S. T. Moyer.

Aug. 11—Rev. Howard T. Landis ordained Elder of the Germantown, Pa., Church. Services in charge of Rev. A. M. Fretz, assisted by Rev. N. B. Grubb and Freeman Swartz.

Aug. 13—C. E. Convention of the Western District Conference held at the Alexanderwohl Church, Goessel, Kansas, J. J. Plenert Chairman.

Aug. 14-17—Forty-first annual meeting of the Middle District Conference held at Wayland, Ia. President, Rev. P. E. Whitmer, Central theme: "That We May Know His Power." Phil. 3:10.

Aug. 20-27—Twenty-Fifth Session of the General Conference of the Mennonite Church of N. A. held in Convention Hall, Hutchinson, Kansas. P. P. Wedel, Moundridge, Kansas, President. Weather: hot. Attendance: from 3000 to 5000, the record attendance being Sunday afternoon and evening when a chorus of 400 under direction of Prof. Walter Hohman rendered the cantata, "The Holy City," by Gaul.

Aug. 28-30—Old Mennonite General Conference held on M. B. C. camp grounds near Goshen, Indiana. The Conference meets every two years.

Aug. 29 to Sept. 1—Thirteenth annual meeting of the Central Conference of Mennonites held at Normal, Ill.

Sept. 5—St. John's Mennonite Church near Pandora, O., celebrated its 40th anniversary

with a Home Coming program which was well attended.

Sept. 7-8—Mission and Harvest Festival, Salem Mennonite Church, near Freeman, S. D.

Sept. 8—Seventy-fifth Anniversary of the Pine Grove Mennonite Church, Bowmansville, Pa., R. V. Stubbs, Pastor; A. W. Fretz, Elder in charge.

Sept. 8—Dedication of the new Bethel Mennonite Church, Inman, Kan.

Sept. 8-15—Dr. J. E. Hartzler, president of Witmarsum Theological Seminary, upon invitation of the ministerial association of Topeka, Ind., delivered a series of lectures at the Mennonite Church of that place.

Sept. 12—"The Mennonite Immigration to Pennsylvania in the Eighteenth Century", 412 pages, by C. Henry Smith, "the most recent addition to Mennonite literature."

Sept. 12—President Mosiman announces in "The Mennonite" the successful completion of the Endowment Campaign for Bluffton College.

Sept. 15—Freeman, S. D., celebrates the fiftieth anniversary of the founding of the town. Students and faculty of Freeman College join in the festivities.

Sept. 17—Witmarsum Theological Seminary, a department of Bluffton College from 1913 to 1921, but organized as a separate institution in 1921, opened its ninth year of work. Its graduates now number over 50.

Sept. 18—Bluffton College opened its doors for another year's work, with 247 students registered.

Sept. 19—Rev. P. A. Kliever arrived with his family at Bluffton, Ohio, where he accepted a call to the pastorate of the Ebenezer Church, 2 miles west of Bluffton. The Klievers hail from Monroe, Wash. -The trip was made by auto.

Sept. 21—Fifty-fifth Sunday School Convention of the Eastern District Conference held in the Upper Milford Church, Zionsville, Pa.

Sept. 22—Brother and Sister August Ewert ordained at Dolton, S. D. as missionaries to China.

Sept. 22—New building of Bethesda Hospital, Mennonite institution near Goessel, Kansas,

dedicated. 2000 people attended the services. Cost of building: \$75,000.

Sept. 23—The men of the Mennonite Church of Geary, Okla., tender a successful surprise party in honor of the Ladies Aid Society and in appreciation of the splendid cooperation of the Society in the building of the new church. Rev. H. D. Penner is the pastor.

Sept. 26—The Central Conference of Mennonites announces the successful completion of the Endowment campaign for the Mennonite Hospital at Bloomington, Ill. Amount pledged: \$191,000.

Sept. 29—Mission opened at Lansdale, Pa., by the Home Mission Committee of the Eastern District Conference.

Oct. 3—Rev. H. J. Brown and wife sail from Vancouver, B. C., for China where they enter the mission field again after a furlough. Their future address will be: K'ai Chow, Hopei, China.

Oct. 6—Sister Helen Nickel of Waldheim, Sask., ordained as missionary to India at the Berne Mennonite Church, Indiana.

Oct. 6—Farewell Services at the Souderton, Pa., Mennonite Church for Mr. and Mrs. S. T. Moyer, before their leaving for India.

Oct. 12—Orphan's Society of the Eastern District Conference held its annual meeting at the Springfield Mennonite Church, near Pleasant Valley, Pa.

Oct. 13—Salem Church at Freeman, S. D. celebrates the 45th anniversary of the ordination of their pastor Rev. W. S. Gottschall, with an all day meeting. Rev. P. H. Unruh, Goessel, Kan., was the guest speaker.

Oct. 17—The S. S. City of Baroda sails from New York for India. Among the passengers are twelve Mennonite missionaries representing the General Conference and the Old Mennonites.

Oct. 16-17—Western District Conference holds its 38th session in the Herold Church near Bessie, Okla. Rev. C. C. Wedel, President; H. J. Dyck, Secretary. The Conference voted the sum of \$2,500 to begin Home Mission Work in the city of Wichita, Kansas. Rev. Arnold Funk has been placed in charge of the work.

Oct. 20—World Service Group of Bluffton College gave a program to a large audience at

the Mennonite Church in Bluffton. The speakers were: Paul Stauffer, Walter Krehbiel, and Miss Winifred Krehbiel.

Oct. 20-25.—Rev. M. M. Horsch of the Second Church, Beatrice, Neb. conducted a series of meetings in the Garden Township, Kan., church.

Oct. 27—The Mennonite Church of Newton, Kan., celebrates the 60th year of continuous Sunday School service of Sister Hillegonda van der Smissen.

Oct. 27—Baptismal services at Deep Run, Pa., Rev. A. M. Fretz, entering upon his 47th year of pastoral work, officiating. Twelve young people were baptized, two were received by right hand of fellowship and three children were consecrated.

Nov. 3—Laying of the corner stone of the Musselman Memorial Library at Bluffton College.

Nov. 3—Brother Sylvan Lehman ordained for Home Mission work at Berne, Ind. Rev. J. E. Amstutz officiated.

Nov. 10-17—Series of meetings at Wadsworth, Ohio, Mennonite Church, conducted by Rev. Lester Hostetler. Rev. W. S. Shelly is the pastor of the church.

Nov. 14—Rev. Jacob H. Janzen of the United Mennonite Church of Ontario is visiting the churches of the Middle District in the interest of the Russian Mennonite Refugees in Canada. His addresses proved interesting and vivid.

Nov. 17—Baptismal Services at Lame Deer, Montana, where the Petter's are working with the Cheyenne Indians. Among the converts was Squinteyes, 73-year-old Cheyenne, formerly fighter and warrior.

Nov. 17—A meeting was held in the Auditorium of Freeman College to discuss ways and means for helping the more than four thousand Mennonites now stranded in Moscow, Russia, who must either leave Russia or be sent to Siberia.

Nov. 17—Bro. W. Harley King ordained as elder at the Calvary Mennonite Church, Mechanic Grove, Pa., Rev. J. E. Amstutz officiating.

Nov. 21—The Men's Chorus from the First Mennonite Church of Reedly, Calif., under direction of C. F. Mueller, recently began their

concert season by rendering a program in the Arlington Height Presbyterian Church at Fresno.

Nov. 27—Executive Committee of the Mennonite Central Committee met in Philadelphia to plan ways and means whereby the various branches of Mennonites may unite to render aid to distressed brethren in Russia and Canada.

Nov. 28—The Berne, Indiana, Church held its Annual Thanksgiving meeting. A thank offering was received which amounted to \$2,693.72.

Nov. 28—Swiss Mennonite Church of Alsen, N. Dak., celebrates 25th anniversary of its organization with a Harvest Home and Mission Festival.

Dec. 1—Union Mennonite Sunday School and Young People's Convention at Grace Church, Pandora, Ohio. Rev. P. E. Whitmer is the pastor.

Dec. 1—Rev. M. J. Galle, Lind, Wash., and H. P. Krehbiel, Newton, Kans., meet the first group of Russian Mennonite refugees in Seattle, who have arrived from Harbin, Manchuria. Rev. Galle later wrote an interesting account of his experiences with these refugees who were assisted in getting to Deer Park, Wash., where they expect to make their future home.

Dec. 5—The First Mennonite Church of Aberdeen, Idaho, reports having received 47 persons into its fellowship as a result of the country church near Aberdeen, deciding to unite with them. Besides this there are 27 young people in the catechetical class under the instruction of the pastor, Rev. J. E. Kaufman.

Dec. 15—Dr. C. Henry Smith, on year's leave of absence from Bluffton College, gave an address at the First Mennonite Church, Upland, Calif., on the subject, "The Fundamentals of Historic Mennonitism."

Dec. 22—Chorus of Deer Creek, Oklahoma, Mennonite Church, sang A. R. Gaul's cantata, "The Holy City," to a large and appreciative audience.

Dec. 29—Second group of Mennonite refugees arrive at Seattle and are met by Rev. M. J. Galle and assisted to Deer Park, Wash., where they joined the group of 14 who had come a few weeks earlier.

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Jan. 8—The ministers of the Central Conference of Mennonites held their annual meeting at the Calvary Church, Washington, Ill.

Jan. 16—179 Russian Mennonites sail from Germany for Brazil on the steamer "Monte Olivia."

Jan. 26—About 80 members of the Trenton, Ohio, church, gather at the home of their pastor, Rev. J. E. Amstutz and his family to celebrate the 25th wedding anniversary of Rev. and Mrs. Amstutz.

Jan. 26—The Missionaries in India have suggested that this day be observed by the home churches as a special day of prayer for the work of missions.

Feb. 2—Frau Dorothea von Velson, of Germany, international envoy of peace travelling through the United States, gave an address in the Hereford, Pa., church. Dr. E. E. S. Johnson is the pastor.

Feb. 2-7—Annual Bible Lectures at Bluffton College, by President Walter Lee Lingel, LL.D., of Davidson College, Davidson, N. C.

Feb. 4—Comity Committee of the General Conference of Mennonites met similar committee appointed by Central Conference of Mennonites at Bluffton, Ohio. The committees passed resolutions favoring closer cooperation between the two Conferences in publication, mission and evangelistic work.

Feb. 9—Twenty-fifth Anniversary program of the Women's Missionary Society held in the Mennonite Church of Reedley, Calif.

Feb. 12-17—Annual Bible Week at Bethel College. Rev. Lester Hostetler delivered two series of addresses, one on "The Apostle Paul and Modern Questions" and another on "The Parables of Jesus." Other speakers were Prof. A. Warkentin, Rev. P. P. Wedel, Rev. P. H. Richert, Rev. P. H. Unruh, and Rev. Jacob H. Janzen.

Feb. 19-26—Rev. Jacob H. Janzen, Waterloo, Ontario, held a series of meetings at the Hoffnungsau Church near Buhler, Kansas.

Feb. 22—Men's Glee Club of Bluffton College, under direction of Prof. Russel Lantz, won second highest honors in the state contest held at Columbus.

Feb. 23—Grace Mennonite Mission, Lansdale, Pa., organized. Rev. D. J. Unruh accepted

the call to take charge of the work.

Feb. 24-28—Bible Week at Gretna Institute, Gretna, Man. Rev. J. Ens gave a series of lectures on the Life of the Apostle Paul and Rev. H. Ewert a series on the Parable of the Prodigal Son.

Feb. 25-27—Foreign Mission Board Meeting at Newton, Kan. The treasurer reported total receipts for 1929 amounting to \$112,817.84.

Feb. 25-26—Meeting of the Board of Publication at Newton, Kan.

March 2-9—Annual series of sermon-lectures at the Grace Mennonite Church, Pandora, Ohio. Speaker: Dr. E. G. Kauffman, Professor of Education at Bluffton College.

March 10—Ministers' Conference in Bethel Church, Mountain Lake, Minn.

March 23—D. J. Unruh installed as minister and Jacob Fretz ordained as deacon of the newly organized congregation at Lansdale, Pa.

April 5—Bluffton College admitted into the membership of the Ohio College Association.

April 13—This day was named by the officers of the General Conference as a special day of prayer for the persecuted Russian Mennonites.

Apr. 13—Twenty-one young people were received by baptism into the fellowship of the Reedley, California, church, of which Rev. J. M. Regier is the pastor. On the same day 16 new members were received into the Grace church, Pandora, Ohio, where Rev. P. E. Whitmer succeeded Rev. Regier as pastor.

Apr. 17—The second group of Russian Mennonites, consisting of 64 families, sail from Hamburg, Germany, for South America. The Mennonite Central Committee reports total receipts as of April, amounting to \$43,434.00.

Apr. 18—Special Good Friday Service held in the evening in the Bethel Church, near Fortuna, Mo. Eight young people received baptism at the hands of the pastor, Rev. J. D. Warkentin.

Apr. 20—Easter Day. Many churches reported special services of worship and musical programs for the day. The town of Moundridge, Kansas, gathered for a sunrise service in a large meadow.

Apr. 21—46th Kansas-Nebraska S. S. Convention held at the Buhler Mennonite church, Buhler, Kan.

Apr. 25-27—California Mennonite S. S.

and C. E. Convention held at Reedley.

Apr. 25-27—Workers' Convention of the Pacific District Conference met at Reedley, Cal.

May 1—Rev. and Mrs. H. J. Krehbiel start on a transcontinental trip by auto from Reedley, Cal. A series of interesting letters from the facile pen of Rev. Krehbiel, describing the trip, appeared in the "Mennonite".

May 14—Eastern District Conference holds 132nd session at Deep Run church near Plumsteadville, Pa. Rev. P. P. Wedel, Moundridge, Kansas, president of the General Conference, delivered a series of Bible addresses.

May—One week of special meetings at the Salem Church near Dalton, Ohio, conducted by Rev. Jesse Smucker, of the Oak Grove (Old Mennonite) church near Smithville, O.

May 12—Third group of Russian Mennonites, 80 families, sail from Germany for South America.

May 18—All-Mennonite Sunday School Convention held in the Ebenezer church, Janzen, Neb.

May 18—Fifty years ago Dr. and Mrs. S. S. Haury left Halstead, Kansas, in a light spring wagon drawn by two ponies, on a four days' drive to Darlington, Indian Territory (now Oklahoma) to open mission work among the Indians, the first mission work done by the General Conference of Mennonites among heathen people.

May 18—Hoffnugsau Church, Inman, Kan., celebrated the fifty years of service of the Revs. Abraham Ratzlaff and Peter Flaming and the twenty-five years of service of Rev. D. D. Unruh.

May 18—Adolph Friesen, graduate of Witmarsum Seminary, pastor-elect of Summerfield, Ill., church, was ordained to the ministry at First Church, Bluffton, Ohio.

May 21-27—Northern District Conference in session at Mt. Lake, Minn.

May 24-25—Annual Young People's Conference of the Pulaski, Wayland, Noble, and Donnellson churches in Iowa.

May 25—A new church is dedicated at Orienta, Okla. Rev. H. R. Voth of Newton, Kan., who was present at the dedication of the old church 24 years ago, assisted.

May 29—Announcement is made that Missionary R. Petter has just completed the

translation of the Book of Acts into Cheyenne.

May 29—Graduating exercises at Witmarsum Theological Seminary, eight students receiving degrees.

May 29-June 1—Pacific District Conference in session at Los Angeles.

May 30—Annual Meeting of the C. E. Union of the Eastern District Conference met at West Swamp church.

June 1—Rev. J. M. Regier, Reedley, Cal., formerly Sec'y of the Home Mission Board, and Rev. W. S. Gottschall, formerly president of the same Board, exchange their respective official positions, Regier becoming president, and Gottschall secretary of the Home Mission Board.

June 1—Two hundred friends gather in the Halstead, Kan., church to celebrate the 18th wedding anniversary of the pastor, Rev. H. T. Unruh, and his wife.

June 1-8—Special series of meetings at the Sugarcreek, Ohio, church conducted by Rev. W. S. Shelly, pastor of the First Mennonite church, Wadsworth, Ohio.

June 5—Commencement Exercises at Bethel College, 23 graduates receiving the A. B. degree.

June 6—Missionary P. W. Penner and his wife, Mathilda, arrive in New York on the steamer "Bremen" for another furlough in the home land. They were in India nearly nine years since their last furlough.

July 6—Rev. N. B. Grubb, pastor of the First Church, Philadelphia, from 1882 to 1921, first editor of the "Mennonite", celebrated his eightieth birthday anniversary.

June 7-11—Commencement Exercises at Bluffton College. Address by Governor Myers Y. Cooper. Dedication of the Musselman Library Honorary degree of Doctor of Divinity conferred upon Rev. H. J. Krehbiel of Reedley, California.

June 8—Home for the Aged at Frederick, Pa., enjoys a service of worship in charge of the Second Church, Philadelphia. Rev. S. M. Grubb and others gave addresses.

June 8—Song Festival at the Alexanderwohl, Kan., church in which the 26 Mennonite churches participated. Attendance, 500. The pastor of the church is Rev. P. H. Unruh.

June 8—Oregon S. S. and C. E. Convention

at Pratum, Oregon.

June 13-17—Washington S. S. Convention and Young People's Retreat at Monroe, Wash.

June 15—Berne, Ind. church, whose membership numbers over one thousand, received thirty-five members by baptism. Rev. C. H. Suckau is the pastor.

June 15—Daily Vacation Bible School at Dalton, Ohio, community, holds final session, 115 pupils receiving diplomas. Rev. A. R. Keiser was dean of the school.

June 19—The Summer Vacation Bible School is in progress at Berne, Ind., with an enrollment of 395.

June 20-22—Young People's Retreat at Green Lane, Pa. (Number enrolled, 60. Leaders: Dr. E. E. S. Johnson, Dr. J. H. Langenwelter, Rev. A. S. Rosenberger, Rev. Lester Hostetler.

June 22—Bethel College Mission Volunteers gave a special program at the Second Church, Beatrice, Neb., of which Rev. M. M. Horsch is the pastor.

June 23—Upland, Calif. opens 4-week Union Daily Vacation Bible School, under the auspices of the Mennonite, Methodist, and Presbyterian churches.

June 23—Quarterly Ministerial Meeting of the Eastern District Conference was held at the Upper Milford church, Zionsville, Pa.

July 10—The "Mennonite" and the "Bundesbote" appear in new dress. Smaller pages, fewer columns per page, more readable. We congratulate both papers upon this improvement.

July 12—Fourth group of Russian Mennonites sail from Germany for South America making a total who have gone to Paraguay, 1420; to Brazil, 680; to Canada, 937. Remaining, 1200.

July 30-Aug. 4—California Young People's Retreat at Lake Sequoia.

August 13-23—Young People's Retreat at Lake Shipshewana, Ind.

Aug. 23-26—Middle District Conference at Nappanee, Ind.

Aug. 27-28—All-Mennonite Convention at Berne, Ind.

Aug. 19-29—Fifth Young People's Retreat on Bethel College Campus.

Aug. 19—Annual C. E. Convention of the Western District Conference at Halstead, Kan.

Aug. 31-Sep. 2—Second World Conference of Mennonites at Danzig, Europe.

STATISTICAL REPORTS

EASTERN DISTRICT CONFERENCE: Membership 3245

NAME AND LOCATION OF CHURCH	Joined Gen'l Conference	PASTOR	MEMBERSHIP											FINANCIAL				
			Members Jan. 1, 1930	Gain			Loss			S. S. Enrollment	Language Used: German-English	Benevolence				Total Expenditures		
				Baptism	Letter	Otherwise	Death	Letter	Otherwise			Foreign Missions	Home Missions	Relief	Education and Other Causes			
Barville, near Lewistown, Pa.	1920	A. S. Rosenberger	30						98	E	\$ 1245.31	\$ 144.20	\$ 184.81	\$ 500.00	\$ 1203.75	\$ 1793.07		
Bethany, in Quakertown, Pa.	1905	A. M. Fretz	113						50	E	357.38	12.00	13.00	5.00	34.01	421.39		
Bethel in Perkasio, Pa.	1908	W. Harley King	29						80	E	707.76	171.00	148.00	27.00		1027.74		
Calvary, 3S Quarryville, Pa.	1920	A. M. Fretz	55						116	E	1314.91	100.00	25.00	14.27	721.00	1935.91		
Deep Run, 3S Bedminster, Pa.	1860	W. S. Gottschall	238	12	2	3			110	E	2504.73	50.00	3.47		178.19	2813.66		
East Swamp, 2N Quakertown, Pa.	1860	Freeman H. Swartz	86						175	E	4431.80	206.95	160.00	66.38	455.65	5254.40		
Eden, Schwenskville, Pa.	1861	Carl Landis	257	11	4	7	16		406	E	8505.64	436.54	200.50		963.01	10172.07		
First, in Philadelphia, Pa.	1872	Howard G. Nyce	464	2	1	4			140	E	2606.26	402.27		220.00	220.00	3228.53		
First, in Allentown, Pa.	1908	A. S. Rosenberger	124						114	E	787.57	22.00	19.25	96.00		934.82		
Flatland, 1NE Quakertown, Pa.	1860	Howard T. Landis	31						75	E	1584.03		28.28	74.48		1687.39		
Germantown, in Germantown, Pa.*	1884	Daniel J. Unruh	28						124	E	5470.00	457.25	45.00	257.94	673.50	6903.69		
Grace, in Lansdale, Pa.**	1930	E. E. S. Johnson	72	9	4	5			260	GE	283.80	25.00	36.00	20.00	40.00	404.80		
Hereford, 1½E Barto, Pa.	1863	L. H. Glass	283	4	4	8	410		120	GE	507.28	20.00		5.84	59.47	592.59		
Mennonite Memorial, in Altoona, Pa.	1920	Elwood Shelly	83						85	E	48.70					48.70		
Menno Simons, in Boyerton, Pa.	1867	S. D. Yoder	24						55	E	708.58	28.00		50.00		778.58		
Napier, 2W Napier, Pa.	1914	R. V. Stubbs	41	6	3				51	E	505.25	29.00	100.00	32.00	50.00	716.25		
Pine Grove, in Bowmansville, Pa.	1872	Jacob Snyder	132	12	3	2			110	E	339.60	15.00				354.60		
Roaring Spring, in Roaring Spring, Pa.	1914	B. S. Graybill	140	5	5				88	E	1388.22				27.23	1415.45		
Richfield		Linford Foulke	40						150	F	3611.24	35.00		1295.00		4941.24		
Saucon, 8N Quakertown, Pa.	1869	S. M. Grubb	190	3	3				88	E	730.97	50.00			95.50	876.47		
Second, in Philadelphia, Pa.	1899	Sylvan Lehman	120						140	GE	1653.00	80.00			362.50	2095.50		
Smith Corner, 4W East Freedom, Pa.	1914	A. M. Fretz	38						230	E	2046.60	591.80	35.05		268.26	2941.71		
Springfield, 1NW Pleasant Valley, Pa.	1860	Howard G. Nyce	140						75	E	140.46	4.91			10.07	155.44		
Upper Millford, ½E Zionsville, Pa.	1863	A. S. Rosenberger	173						44	E	5528.22	1108.33	188.82	34.25	1139.93	8004.55		
West Swamp, 5NW Quakertown, Pa.	1860	A. E. Wolf	44	2	2	4			404	E	\$47240.56	\$3967.94	\$1210.78	\$ 467.68	\$6833.55	\$59720.51		
Zion, in Manns Choice, Pa.	1920	G. T. Soldner	404	29	3	2	4		420	E								
Zion, in Souderton, Pa.	1893		3245	97	17	27	27	17	43									
Total																		

*Oldest Mennonite Church in America—organized 1686.

**Organized 1930—members registered July 1.

†1926 Report

MIDDLE DISTRICT CONFERENCE: Membership 4888

NAME AND LOCATION OF CHURCH	Joined Gen'l Conference	PASTOR	MEMBERSHIP										FINANCIAL						
			Members Jan. 1, 1930	Gain					Loss					Local Church and Auxiliaries	Foreign Missions	Home Missions	Relief	Education and Other Causes	Total Expenditures
				Baptism	Letter	Otherwise	Death	Letter	Otherwise	S. S. Enrollment	Language Used: German-English	\$	\$						
Apostolic, in Trenton, O.	1863	J. E. Amstutz	235			4	1				105	E	\$ 2150.00	\$ 106.18	\$ 128.68	\$ 328.00	\$ 2712.86		
Bethel, 6SE Fortuna, Mo.	1881	J. D. Warkentin	141	3		2	2			143	GE	\$ 1304.39	\$ 305.71	\$ 330.21	\$ 273.29	\$ 2485.29			
Chapel, 2W New Stark, O.	1929	N. O. Blosser	64	2		1	1			59	E	\$ 225.25	\$ 198.00	\$ 75.00	\$ 208.50	\$ 758.75			
Ebenezer, 2W Bluffton, O.	1893	P. A. Khiewer	451	19	6	1	8	5		487	GE	\$ 3536.90	\$ 2519.31	\$ 146.70		\$ 6202.91			
Emmanuel, 4¼NE Wayland, Ia.	1893	Allen Miller	266	9	6	5	2	4	8	213	E	\$ 8049.08	\$ 449.75	\$ 87.24	\$ 42.50	\$ 9122.54			
First, in Berne, Ind.	1872	C. H. Suckau	1044	35	5	1	8	11	7	1399	GE	\$ 4758.20	\$ 11062.28	\$ 4298.37	\$ 2900.86	\$ 27258.29			
First, in Bluffton, O.	1920	S. M. Musselman	413	16	8	1	12			415	E	\$ 3250.00	\$ 1264.78	\$ 382.98	\$ 2268.99	\$ 6705.00			
First, in Wadsworth, O.	1860	W. S. Shelly	190	2	2	2	1			180	E	\$ 2907.02	\$ 238.00	\$ 145.77	\$ 396.95	\$ 3787.74			
First, in Chicago, Ill.	1923	W. C. Rhea	58	4	3					307	E	\$ 1476.63	\$ 101.47	\$ 3703.10	\$ 300.00	\$ 4104.57			
First, in Nappanee, Ind.	1926	E. S. Mullet	141			2	2	1	1	161	E	\$ 1476.63	\$ 500.00	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00	\$ 2576.63			
Grace, in Pandora, O.	1905	Paul E. Whitmer	334	12	11	4	8	2	2	360	E	\$ 4034.70	\$ 1350.00	\$ 450.00	\$ 181.72	\$ 7588.91			
Pulaski, 3SW Pulaski, Ia.	1892	W. W. Miller	219			3	2			194	E	\$ 1300.00	\$ 153.94	\$ 153.94	\$ 133.00	\$ 1980.88			
Salem, 4SW Dalton, O.	1887	A. R. Keiser	220	1	2	1	2	1	2	192	E	\$ 2258.79	\$ 787.37	\$ 612.71	\$ 4139.00	\$ 7798.87			
St. John, 1¼SE Pandora, O.	1923	John Thiessen**	275	18	2	4	2	4	2	260	GE	\$ 2904.00	\$ 1060.00	\$ 400.00	\$ 40.00	\$ 4504.00			
Sugar Creek, in Sugarcreek, O.	1929	Lester Hostetler	136	7		6	1			1259	E	\$ 1340.00	\$ 200.00	\$ 125.00	\$ 110.00	\$ 2175.00			
Summerfield, in Summerfield, Ill.	1860	Adolf Friesen	140			1	1			114	E	\$ 1330.98	\$ 150.00	\$ 85.00	\$ 82.50	\$ 1648.48			
Wayland, in Wayland, Ia.	1905	Elmer Basinger	358	1	5	4	3	3	3	313	E	\$ 2236.15	\$ 669.80	\$ 192.75	\$ 600.00	\$ 3980.99			
Zion, in Donnellson, Ia.	1860	Delbert E. Welty	203	3						177	E	\$ 1904.00	\$ 557.61	\$ 325.60	\$ 154.61	\$ 2941.82			
		Total	4888	131	51	17	36	59	26	5339		\$ 44966.09	\$ 21774.20	\$ 8842.45	\$ 4449.70	\$ 98343.73			

*Includes \$6262.40 for new parsonage.

†Many individual gifts for missions not included in this report.

‡Union S. S.—Mennonite and Brethren.

**Sailed for India for second term of Mission work

NORTHERN DISTRICT CONFERENCE: Membership 3697

NAME AND LOCATION OF CHURCH	Joined Gen'l Conference	PASTOR	MEMBERSHIP										FINANCIAL							
			Members Jan. 1, 1930	Gain					Loss					Local Church and Auxiliaries	Foreign Missions	Home Missions	Relief	Education and Other Causes	Total Expenditures	
				Baptism	Letter	Otherwise	Death	Letter	Otherwise	S. S. Enrollment	Language Used: German-English	Missions	Missions							Missions
Bergfeld, in Delft, Minn.		A. A. Wiebe	64	1				130	G	690.00	326.00	81.00	30.00	169.00	1296.00					
Bergfeld, in Mountain Lake, Minn.	1920	H. H. Quiring	136	7	23	4	6	202	G	1623.93	233.02	116.88	44.75	66.11	2084.69					
Bethany, in Freeman, S. Dak.	1905	†D. P. Eitzen	184	2		3	3	300	GE	280.00	385.00	200.00	111.00	218.00	1194.00					
Bethel, in Mountain Lake, Minn.	1890	†D. E. Harder	437	35	6	8	6	422	GE	4537.02	675.00	429.00	1637.89	306.09	7585.00					
Bethel, Lustre, Mont.	?	S. P. Preheim	55	2				155	GE	341.00	307.00	84.00	90.00	260.00	1037.00					
Bethel, Volt, Mont.	1926	P. R. Schroeder	35	3		1		75	GE	24.61	94.26	117.68	79.50	201.75	517.80					
Bethel, Dolton, S. Dak.	1893	†J. C. Kaufman	77	7		9	2	120	G	114.85	603.52	300.00	68.82	354.90	1342.09					
Bethesda, in Henderson, Neb.	1899	†J. A. Tieszen	578	26	3	3	5	675	GE	2238.50	1059.00	804.00	1183.00	166.00	5450.00					
Bethesda, 4W Marion, S. Dak.	1899	†J. F. Epp	174	11	2	3	16	225	G	497.00	1369.00	462.00	593.00	103.82	2921.00					
Bethlehem, 15SE Richey, Mont.	1917	A. W. Friesen	189	16	2	4	7	287	GE	1501.50	374.17	123.67	90.00	103.82	2241.35					
Friedensberg, 7½S ½W Avon, S. D.	1923	†D. A. Schultz	95	16	2	4	7	139	GE	428.10	504.39	159.00	73.33	31.64	1196.46					
First 4N ¼E Butterfield, Minn.	1917	H. P. Unruh	50	16	2	4	7	75	G	130.00	85.55	24.00	227.00	31.50	498.05					
First, in Mountain Lake, Minn.	1902	Jacob Stoesz	349	16	2	4	7	287	G	1349.00	450.00	123.00	333.00	304.00	2559.00					
First, 2W Lostwood, N. Dak.	1926	†J. J. Dick	71	9	3	3	3	96	G	886.00	323.00	85.00	161.00	10.00	1465.00					
First, in Butterfield, Minn.	1902	†Abe P. Unruh	84	3	2	3	3	96	GE	242.41	114.81	53.00	62.50	183.40	656.12					
Immanuel, Doland, S. Dak.	1908	L. H. Linscheid	389	5	3	5	3	360	G	498.82	1100.00	105.30	525.00	100.00	1229.12					
Salem, 7½S 4W Marion, S. Dak.	1917	J. W. Kleinsasser	87	37	11	5	7	135	GE	4082.72	1100.00	1100.00	176.37	223.13	6682.22					
Salem, in Munich, N. Dak.	1902	†Helm. Ortman	37	11	3	5	7	122	GE	286.28	377.42	78.31	62.86	30.64	835.51					
Salem, 5S 2W Wisner, Neb.	1881	†A. P. Waltner	364	11	3	5	7	57	GE	1095.00	41.05	41.00	55.20	25.02	1257.27					
Salem-Zion, 5SE Freeman, S. Dak.	1917	†John J. A. Schrag	123	11		2	1	106	GE	1261.00	116.16	130.00	30.00		1537.16					
Swiss, in Alsen, N. Dak.	1929	†Edw. Duerksen	23			6		4074	G	93.51	17.70	10.00	9.32		130.53					
Zion, 4S Arena, N. Dak.		Martin Fast*	3697	142	56	47	127			\$26377.57	\$9709.02	\$3940.64	\$6081.74	\$2891.30	\$51969.08					
		Totals																		

† Elders.
‡ Deceased

WESTERN DISTRICT CONFERENCE: Membership 9179

NAME AND LOCATION OF CHURCH	Joined Conf.	NAME AND ADDRESS OF PASTOR OR LEADER		Members Jan. 1, 1929	Gain or Loss in 3 years	Language	Local Church			Relief 3 years	All other Purposes	Total 3 years
							\$	3 years	3 years			
Alexanderwohl 1E 1/2N Goessel, Kan.	1876	Peter H. Unruh, Goessel, Kan.	778	2	G	\$ 7100	11389	\$ 1183	1501	455	\$ 21630	
Arlington 1E 1/2N Arlington, Kan.	1908	John P. Linscheid, Arlington, Kan.	63	23	2	619	670	140	63	87	1553	
Bergtal 3 1/2N 1/2E Pawnee Rock, Kan.	1890	J. B. Schmidt, Pawnee Rock, Kan.	173	3	2	3400	2200	425	1385	750	8160	
Bergtal 2W 3N Corn, Okla.	1896	John Flaming, Corn, Okla.	90	-10	G	702	763	118	157	?	1740	
Bethany 4S 5E Kingman, Kan.	1908	Sol. Mouttet, Basil, Kan.	172	4	2	300	502	242	29	127	4202	
Bethel College 1N Newton, Kan.	1899	H. A. Fast, Newton, Kansas	238	26	2	7927	4120	826	561	1860	15294	
Bethel 12W 1S Perryton, Tex.	1926	F. D. Koehn, Perrytown, Texas	52	-9	G	?	?	?	?	?	1200	
Bethel 8W Hinton, Okla.	1926	F. D. Koehn, Perrytown, Texas	52	-9	G	?	?	?	?	?	1200	
Brudertal 3E 2 1/2N Hillsboro, Kan.	1878	Vacancy (J. K. Janzen)	185	4	G	4360	3141	513	2347	243	11604	
Buhler, in Buhler, Kan.	1921	Paul Mouttet, Hillsboro, Kansas	275	30	2	7069	3283	380	1172	3750	15654	
Burrton, in Burrton, Kan.	1908	H. P. Krehbiel, Newton, Kansas	122	-10	2	487	119	114	5	1019	1745	
Canton, 5 1/2N Moundridge, Kan.	1896	J. J. Ratzlaff, Newton, Kansas	80	1	G	400	612	351	225	151	1739	
Christian, in Moundridge, Kan.	1878	J. P. Wedel, Moundridge, Kansas	281	-1	2	8452	3543	838	1084	1160	15077	
Christian, in Meno, Okla.	1929	Vacancy (Not member of Western Dist.)	21									
Deer Creek, in Deer Creek, Okla.	1902	A. S. Bechtel, Deer Creek, Okla.	102	8	E	3543	1074	234	170	1487	6508	
Ebenezer 3E 1N Gotebo, Okla.	1908	Vacancy (C. F. Duerksen, Mt. View)	90	-13	2	544	262	167	127	260	1360	
Ebenfeld 1/2E 1 1/2S Montezuma, Kan.	1908	Vacancy (A. E. Unruh, Montezuma)	31	3	2	226	(Not member Gen. Conf.)					
Eden 4 1/2E Inola, Okla.	1920	G. B. Regier, R 1 Inola, Okla.	97	5	G	226	321	307	82	29	965	
Einsiedel 1 1/2N 2 1/2W Hanston, Kan.	1902	J. W. Bergen, Ransom, Kansas	60	-22	2	2500	8050	1754	3500	4060	18864	
Emmas 3E 2N Whitewater, Kan.	1902	J. W. Bergen, Ransom, Kansas	241	30	G	3506	762	153	50	371	4842	
First, in Geary, Okla.	1881	H. D. Penner, Geary, Okla.	117	17	E	6813	7568	603	1138	7044	22466	
First, in Newton, Kan.	1905	J. E. Entz, Newton, Kansas	342	20	2							
Friedensau, 2S 5E Perry, Okla.	1881	John Lichti, Memdford, Okla.	(No report)									
Friedensfeld, 1N 5E Perry, Okla.	1908	B. H. Janzen, Turpin, Okla.	82	8	2	1375	275	800	250	200	3900	
Friedensfeld, 14N Lorena, Okla.	1908	H. H. Janzen, Turpin, Okla.	96	-4	G	972	889	205	69	7	2142	
Garden Tp. 5 1/2S Moundridge, Kan.	1893	J. M. Janzen, Hesston, Kansas	143	33	2	1250	1194	449	95	95	3082	
Gnadenberg 1 1/2S 3W Elbing, Kan.	1881	G. N. Harms, Whitewater, Kansas	168	-4	2	2460	1685	166	275	80	4666	
Goessel, in Goessel, Kan.	1920	P. P. Buller, Goessel, Kansas	260	24	G	6452	4022	799	242	800	12115	
Greensburg, 2 1/2W 5S Greensburg, Kan.	1917	Not organized (C. J. Unruh)	33		E							
Gruensfeld 8S 5E Carnegie, Okla.	1875	A. W. Froese, Fort Cobb, Okla.	73	6	2							
Halstead (First) in Halstead, Kan.	1875	H. T. Unruh, Halstead, Kansas	236	21	2							
Hebron 5E Buhler, Kan.	1917	P. E. Frantz, Resigned (J. J. Buhler)	200	-5	2							
Herold 4E 1S Bessie, Okla.	1902	Jacob Jantzen, Cordell, Okla.	126	10	G	9000	1250	540	975	350	12115	
Hillsboro, in Hillsboro, Kan.	1884	J. H. Epp, Hillsboro, Kansas	285	45	G	7084	1921	275	81	322	1917	
Hoffnungssau 5E 2 1/2N Buhler, Kan.	1884	J. H. Epp, Hillsboro, Kansas	344	69	2	3800	4300	450	625	783	11594	
Hofnungsfeld, 3 1/2W 1/2N Moundridge, Kansas.	1878	A. J. Dyck, Inman, Kansas	344	69	2					1500	10675	
Eden 4W 2N Moundridge, Kan.	1881	E. J. Neuschwander, McPherson, Kan.	127	11	2	4094	1926	184	593	606	7403	
Hutchinson, in Hutchinson, Kan.	1896	C. J. Goering, Moundridge, Kansas	392	57	2	3728	6971	1354	850	443	13748	
Inman in Inman, Kan.	1923	J. J. Plenert, Hutchinson, Kansas	33	-1	E							
Johannestal 3 1/2N 1W Hillsboro, Kan.	1923	D. C. Ewert, Inman, Kansas	131	6	2	400	670	440	346	360	1871	
Kidron 1 1/2E 2 1/2S Taloga, Okla.	1893	J. Plenert, Hillsboro, Kansas	181	5	G	2719	3150	1056		2860	10200	
Medford 2E 2N Medford, Okla.	1908	Vacancy (A. B. Koehn)	36	-3	2							
Lehigh, in Lehigh, Kan.	1902	John Lichti, Medford, Okla.	118	24	G	438	639	28	80	181	1367	
Mennoville, 7N El Reno, Okla.	1905	Gustav Frey, Canton, Kansas	143	31	2	5080	360	164	10	546	6160	
New Hopevale 1/2E Meno, Okla.	1896	Henry Funk, El Reno, Okla.	20	8	G							
Neu Friedensberg 7S 2W Vona, Colo.	1905	H. U. Schmidt, Meno, Okla.	278	28	E							
Neu Friedensberg 3 1/2E Pretty Prairie, Kan.	1908	Vacant (A. M. Boese, Vona, Colo.)	34	4	G	223	57	83	14	8	385	
Pretty Prairie, 3 1/2E Pretty Prairie, Kan.	1890	J. W. Lorenz, Pretty Prairie, Kan.	485	60	2							
Ransom (First) in Ransom, Kan.	1923	J. W. Bergen, Ransom, Kansas	66	-1	G							
Saron 1S Orienta, Okla.	1905	A. A. Ewert, Fairview, Okla.	81	2	E							
Schoental 5N 3W Kismet, Kan.	1917	Vacant (P. B. Kopper, Plains, Kan.)	27	-3	G							
Swiss 1N 1E Whitewater, Kan.	1892	A. J. Dirks, Whitewater, Kansas	62	-8	E							
Second, in Beatrice, Nebr.	1926	M. M. Horsch, Beatrice, Kansas	125	15	E	1829	2828	153	175	33	5316	
Sichar 4E 2 1/2N Cordell, Okla.	1896	J. W. Schmidt, Beatrice, Nebr.	82	-10	2	1220	3465	808	429	5412	11334	
Tabor 12N 1 1/2E Newton, Kan.	1908	P. H. Richert, Cordell, Okla.	304	-26	G	700	409	379	364	69	1971	
Wehrlose 4W Beatrice, Nebr.	1896	Franz Albrecht, Goessel, Kansas	333	-94	2	1569	5634	830	488	337	8858	
West Zion, in Moundridge, Kan.	1890	P. K. Regier, Beatrice, Nebr.	261	13	2	5050	8263	844	1588	5675	21520	
Zion, in Elbing, Kan.	1887	H. T. Dyck, Moundridge, Kansas	261	13	2	8094					14004	

* Resigned.

Note that financial reports of Western District Conference cover period of 3 years.

PACIFIC DISTRICT CONFERENCE: Membership 1856

NAME AND LOCATION OF CHURCH	Joined Gen'l Conference	PASTOR	MEMBERSHIP										FINANCIAL								
			Gain		Loss				S. S. Enrollment	Language Used:	Benevolence				Total Expenditures						
			Baptism	Letter	Otherwise	Death	Letter	Otherwise			Local Church and Auxiliaries	Foreign Missions	Home Missions	Relief		Education and Other Causes					
Members Jan. 1, 1930	39	16	4	1	360	GE	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$								
First, in Reedley, Cal.	1908	J. M. Regier	440	39	16	4	1	360	GE	\$	4391.50	\$	451.59	\$	356.00	\$	497.81	\$	807.99	\$	6553.98
First, in Upland, Cal.	1908	H. J. Krehbiel	302	10	7	5	2	264	E	3102.22	E	513.08	513.08	475.02	475.02	517.86	517.86	*7411.87	517.86	*7411.87	
First, in Paso Robles, Cal.	1908	A. J. Neuenschwander	50					70	GE	974.00	GE	523.00	523.00	218.00	218.00	469.25	469.25	1497.00	469.25	1497.00	
First, in Aberdeen, Idaho	1917	C. Hege	162			26	1	250	E	3058.78	E	873.25	873.25	58.25	58.25	159.21	159.21	4942.90	159.21	4942.90	
First, in Monroe, Wash.	1920	John E. Kaufman	119				6	112	GE	877.00	GE	154.00	154.00					†1248.46		†1248.46	
First, 9E Newport, Wash.	1920	S. S. Baumgartner	38					70	G												
First, in Shafter, Cal. (1)	1923	J. J. Kliever	†58																		
First, 12S Colfax, Wash.	1893	H. J. Gaede	78	10	2	2	2	150	E	400.00	E	560.00	560.00	125.00	125.00	100.00	100.00	†1285.00	100.00	†1285.00	
Immanuel, in Los Angeles, Cal.	1920	P. R. Aeschliman	147	8	21	2	2	375	E	2249.70	E	351.65	351.65	113.19	113.19	354.57	354.57	3156.11	354.57	3156.11	
Immanuel, in Pratum, Ore.	1896	Albert Claassen	180				3	180	E	1354.00	E	1325.00	1325.00	865.00	865.00	200.00	200.00	4058.00	200.00	4058.00	
Menno, 20NW Lind, Wash.	1903	John M. Franz	101				3	155	GE	1236.00	GE	302.00	302.00	110.00	110.00	201.00	201.00	1984.00	201.00	1984.00	
Mennonite, 3NE Escondido, Cal.	1914	M. J. Galle	10				1	25		60.48		130.01	130.01	26.50	26.50	51.47	51.47	298.21	51.47	298.21	
Salem, in Ruff, Wash.	1911	H. H. Adrian	53				5	72	GE	943.00	GE	169.00	169.00	35.00	35.00	126.00	126.00	1390.00	126.00	1390.00	
San Marcos, 12SW Paso Robles, Cal.	1905	M. J. Galle	90	6	2	3	3	135	GE	722.00	GE	288.50	288.50	201.00	201.00	92.00	92.00	1954.45	92.00	1954.45	
Zion, in Dallas, Oregon	1908	F. F. Jantzen	51	20			1		GE	746.80	GE	43.50	43.50	18.50	18.50	60.00	60.00	868.80	60.00	868.80	
Dos Palos, in Dos Palos, Calif.	Services since 1929. Church not organized—attendance 100. Pulpit supplied by Reedley ministers.																				

(1) No regular services held.

*Includes over \$2,000 paid on building debt.

†Does not include contribution of S. S.

\$1926.

STATISTICS OF THE CANADIAN DISTRICT

January, 1930

Membership: 7231

I. PAROCHIAL

	Manitoba	Sask.	Alberta	Ontario	Total
No. of churches....	7	18	5	4	34
No. of Ministers..	60	60	20	14	154
Communicant					
Members	2879	3514	407	756	7556
No. of souls.....	5112	7100	905	860	13977
No. of families....	1043	1298	169	170	2680
No. of church buildings.....					35
Other places of worship.....					94

Total.....129

(Of these 37 are in towns and 92 in the country.)

There are about 75 organized Sunday Schools, nearly all churches have Young People's Meetings.

Gains—By baptism, 400; by right hand of fellowship, 193; total, 593.

Losses—Death, 43; Removal, 140; total 183.

II. FINANCIAL

For Local Church Expenses	\$11,483
Charities	6,413
Missions	4,721
Other causes	3,410

Total.....\$26,027

THE UNITED MENNONITE CHURCHES OF ONTARIO

Reported by Rev. J. H. Janzen

Name of Church	Pastor	Member-ship	
		Bap- tized	Aug. 1, 1930
Waterloo, Kitchener,	J. H. Janzen (Bish.)	371	24
Essex County,	J. D. Janzen	300	12
Reesor, Corn. Penner		85	7

Rev. J. H. Janzen of Waterloo is Bishop of the three churches. The Essex County Church is 200 miles south and the Reesor Church 600 miles north of Waterloo. Thus the churches in charge of Bishop Janzen are scattered over an area of 800 miles in length. The above three churches, constituting the United Mennonite Churches of Ontario are organized and members of General Conference. Besides these three there are a number of unorganized groups that meet for worship under the spiritual leadership of Rev. Janzen. Among the various groups of Mennonites there are 14 ordained ministers working and 8 Evangelists.

STATISTICS OF MENNONITE BRUEDERGE-MEINDE IN WESTERN CANADA

	Manitoba	Sask.	Alberta	Columbia	Total
No. of churches..	14	26	4	1	45
No. of ministers	44	50	18	7	119
No. of members..	1483	2166	242		3891

Statistics of Six Other Branches of Mennonites in Western Canada

No. of churches.....	17
No. of ministers.....	83
No. of members.....	9000

Statistics of All Mennonites in Western Canada (Including Man., Sask., Alb., and B. C.)

Total number of churches.....	92
Total number of ministers.....	357
Total number of members.....	20,122
Total number of souls approximately.....	40,000

Mennonite Migrations Out of Manitoba and Saskatchewan

1921-1926 To Mexico.....	6,000 souls
1926-1929 To Paraguay.....	2,000 souls

Mennonite Migration from Russia During 1930 to August 1

To Canada	1,000 souls
To Paraguay	1,420 souls
To Brazil	680 souls

There are eight district groups of Mennonites in Canada. The Russian Mennonites have associated themselves either with the General Conference or one of the Mennonite Brethren. There are about 20,000 Russian Mennonites in Canada (including children) that arrived during the last six years. Four of the groups of Mennonites in Western Canada are not affiliated with any conference, although each of them is composed of a number of different churches. The names of the different groups are: Conference Mennonites (our branch), Mennonite Brethren, Krimmer Mennonite Brethren, Bruderthaler, Kleine Gemeinde, Holdemanns (or Gemeinde Gottes), Sommerfelder, and Altkolonier.

Benj. Ewert, Statistician,
Canadian Dist. Conference,
138 Mayfair Ave., Winnipeg, Man.

THE GENERAL CONFERENCE

Calendar of Officers and Boards

OFFICERS OF THE CONFERENCE

President, Rev. P. P. Wedel, Moundridge, Kansas.
 Vice-President, Rev. A. J. Neuenschwander, Upland, Calif.
 Secretary, Rev. C. E. Krehbiel, Newton, Kansas.

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Chairman, Rev. P. P. Wedel, Moundridge, Kansas.
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 Secretary, Rev. C. E. Krehbiel, Newton, Kansas.
 Rev. G. N. Harms, Whitewater, Kansas.
 Dr. J. W. Kliewer, Newton, Kans.
 Rev. J. M. Regier, Reedley, Calif.
 Rev. H. J. Krehbiel, Reedley, Calif.
 Dr. S. K. Mosiman, Bluffton, Ohio.
 Rev. John Lichti, Medford, Oklahoma.

CONFERENCE TREASURER

Bro. Karl A. Richert, Newton, Kans.

FIELD SECRETARY AND STATISTICIAN

Rev. C. E. Krehbiel, Newton, Kansas.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Chairman, Rev. G. N. Harms, Whitewater, Kans. 1932
 Secretary, Bro. J. E. Regier, Newton Kans. 1938
 Treasurer, Bro. K. A. Richert, Newton, Kans. 1938
 Rev. A. P. Waltner, Marion, S. Dak. 1932
 Bro. S. D. Ruth*, Beatrice, Nebr. 1935
 Rev. A. J. Dyck, Inman, Kansas 1935
 *Deceased. J. J. Eyman, Reedley, Calif., appointed to fill vacancy.

PROGRAM COMMITTEE

Prof. E. J. Hirschler, Bluffton, Ohio 1938
 Rev. P. R. Aeschliman, Almota, Wash. 1932
 Prof. J. F. Moyer, Newton, Kansas 1935

BOARD OF FOREIGN MISSIONS

Chairman, Dr. J. W. Kliewer, Newton, Kansas .. 1938
 Vice-Chairman, Rev. G. T. Soldner, Souderton, Pa. 1935
 Secretary, Rev. P. H. Richert, Goessel, Kans. 1938
 Treasurer, Bro. J. G. Regier, Newton, Kans. 1932
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 Rev. M. M. Horsch, Beatrice, Nebr. 1935

BOARD OF HOME MISSIONS

Chairman, Rev. J. M. Regier, Reedley, Calif. 1932
 Secretary, Rev. W. S. Gottshall, Quakertown, Pa. 1938
 Treasurer, Rev. J. E. Amstutz, Trenton, Ohio 1935
 Rev. David Toews, Rosthern, Sask. 1938
 Rev. S. S. Baumgartner, Monroe, Wash. 1932
 Rev. H. A. Fast, Newton, Kansas 1935

BOARD OF PUBLICATION

Chairman, Rev. H. J. Krehbiel, Reedley, Calif. .. 1935
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 Rev. Jacob H. Janzen, Waterloo, Ontario 1938
 Rev. J. M. Suderman, Newton, Kansas 1932
 Dr. J. R. Thierstein, Newton, Kansas 1935

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Chairman, Dr. S. K. Mosiman, Bluffton, O. 1935
 Secretary, Dr. J. H. Langenwalter, 1422 University Ave., Wichita, Kansas 1932
 Treasurer, Prof. D. H. Richert, Newton, Kansas 1932
 Rev. A. S. Rosenberger, Quakertown, Pa. 1938
 Rev. P. R. Schroeder, Freeman, S. Dak. 1938
 Prof. A. J. Regier, Newton, Kansas 1935

EMERGENCY RELIEF BOARD

Chairman, Rev. John Lichti, Medford, Okla. 1932
 Secretary, Bro. J. C. Mueller, Freeman, S. Dak. 1935
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 Bro. Maxwell H. Kratz, 1600 Walnut, Philadelphia, Pa. 1938
 Rev. C. C. Wedel, Canton, Kansas 1932
 Bro. J. P. Habegger, Berne, Ind. 1935

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Chairman, Rev. D. B. Hess, San Pedro, Calif.*
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 Treasurer, Bro. D. C. Krehbiel, Reedley, Calif.
 Bro. E. J. Haury, Upland, Calif.
 Rev. P. R. Aeschliman, Almota, Wash.
 Bro. J. J. Eymann, Reedley, Calif.
 Rev. H. Riesen, Newton, Kansas.
 *Proxy for Rev. H. Riesen.

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Chairman, Rev. J. E. Amstutz, Trenton, Ohio.
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 Treasurer, Rev. J. E. Entz, Newton, Kansas.
 Rev. M. J. Galle, Odessa, Wash.
 Rev. David Toews, Rosthern, Sask.

PLACEMENT COMMITTEE

Chairman, Rev. H. J. Krehbiel, Reedley, Calif.
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 Rev. J. J. Balzer, Mountain Lake, Minn.
 Rev. David Toews, Rosthern, Sask.

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Chairman, Rev. J. M. Regier, Reedley, Calif.
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 Rev. A. S. Rosenberger, Quakertown, Pa.
 Rev. A. P. Waltner, Marion, S. Dak.

COMITY COMMITTEE

Chairman, Rev. M. M. Horsch, Beatrice, Nebr.
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 Rev. A. J. Neuenschwander, Upland, Calif.
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OUR INSTITUTIONS*

Bethel Home for the Aged	Newton Kansas
Home for the Aged	Frederick, Pa.
Bethel Hospital and Deaconess Home ..	Newton, Kan.
Bethesda Hospital	Goessel, Kansas
Beatrice Hospital	Beatrice, Neb.
Girls' Home	Winnipeg, Man.
Girls' Home	Saskatoon, Man.
Bluffton College	Bluffton, Ohio
Bethel College	Newton, Kans.
Freeman Junior College	Freeman, S. Dak.
Witmarsum Theological Seminary	Bluffton, Ohio.

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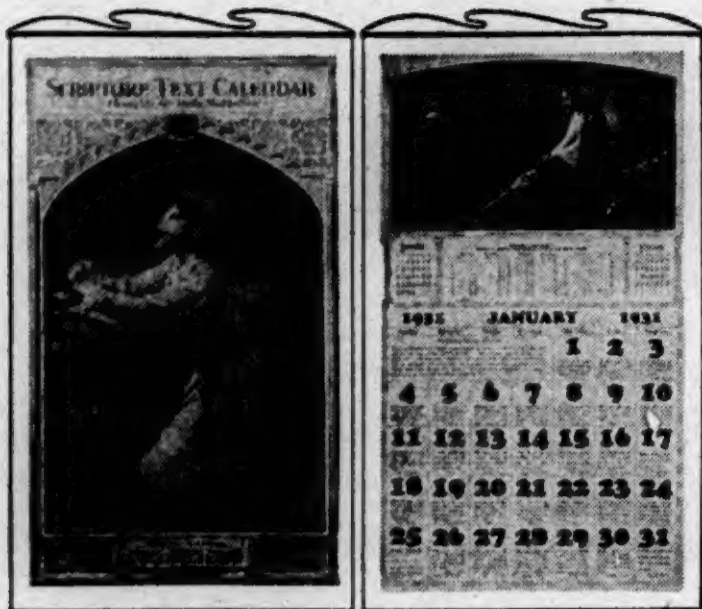
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